Success with Exemptions Guide Pack

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There are a number of additional documents supplied with this guide. See the list of documents and content on the following page.

Remember: the key focus of this guide is to help you understand the requirements of and write your own exemption application.

If you need help figuring out what resources or options to include in your programme, then please consider my companion manual "Planning Your Home Education Programme."

Also available (new!): a more detailed guide (with lots more examples) of how to plan and write a topic plan or unit study. "Planning & Writing Topic Plans & Unit Studies"

Additional Documents Supplied with this Guide

Exemption application requirements summary (to give you a brief overview – use as a checklist to make sure you've included everything, or to remind you of what's important if you get overwhelmed along the way.) PDF file

Complete Application Examples - so you can see how it all comes together. Also provides additional ideas and examples for each section PDF

Application form template for you to fill in. Word document. Alternatively you can download a copy from Google Docs in a more compatible format for your operating system HERE

Discount voucher for review/writing services. PDF

Additional Documents Supplied with this Guide

Hot Tips

- The 8 Learning Areas do you need them?
- How Similar can Applications be?
- Including Multiple Children in one application
- Applications for Children with Significant Disabilities
- Applications for Older Students
- Highschool Qualification Options for Home Educators
- Distance Learning options
- Te Kura-based Applications
- ACE or HSNZ Applications
- Unschooling Applications
- Unit Study or Integrated Learning Applications
- Record Keeping some suggestions

Advice for Specific Situations: (be sure to read the parts that apply to you)

- Split parent families (which all parents should know)
- Foster families (formal or informal)
- If care arrangements change
- Foreign nationals
- Keeping the child home while waiting for an exemption
- Removing 5 yos from school
- Part-time homeschooling (or dual enrolment)
- Hiring tutors/group learning (and "operating as a school")
- Hostile or unsupportive school principals (and others)

You're exempt! Now What?

- Good to Know: NCHENZ, NZ curriculum, free resources, connecting with others
- Family Homeshooling Number & National Student Numbers
- How home education programmes are monitored
- 6 monthly declarations and supervision allowance
- School trial policy
- Travelling overseas