



**APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM SCHOOL ENROLMENT/ATTENDANCE  
AND EDUCATION ENROLMENT/PARTICIPATION  
FOR ALL STUDENTS 17 YEARS AND UNDER**

**SECTION 1 Details**

The student must attend school regularly until exemption is approved.  
Information provided is protected by the Government of South Australia Information Privacy Principles.  
For information regarding the exemption process see - [www.decd.sa.gov.au/educationage](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/educationage)

Name of Student (in full)

School/Provider

Parent/Guardian Address

Parent/Guardian Phone  Postcode

Student's Date of Birth    Age  Gender  Male/Female  Year Level

Name of Parent/Guardian  MR / MS  Signature

**SECTION 2 Reason** (please tick)

Note: 16 year old students do not require an exemption to participate in vocational training such as TAFE, Apprenticeships or Traineeships

**Permanent**

- Full Time Employment (Greater than 30hr per/w for 15 year old and 25hr per/w for 16 year olds) Letter of offer from the employer required to be attached.  TAFE / Other Course > TAFE enrolment form or letter from TAFE must be attached
- Traineeship > Copy of contract of training or a letter of offer from the employer required to be attached  Apprenticeship > Copy of Contract of training or a letter of offer from the employer required to be attached

**Temporary**

- Family Travel / Holiday (over 12 months) Letter from medical practitioner required
- Ongoing Medical Condition > Note: An exemption is not required unless a child is unable attend/participate long-term due to an ongoing medical condition
- Other / Conditional > please indicate / if conditional exemption > Form B required

**SECTION 3 Period**

Period of Exemption Requested (beginning and end dates)    to

**SECTION 4 Employer Details** (if exemption is for Full Time Employment, Traineeship or Apprenticeship)

Employer's Name  Business Name

Address

Phone  Start Date

**SECTION 5 Recommendations** (for school use only)

**Principal approval: For Temporary exemptions less than one month or for Family Travel/Holiday up to 12 months**

**Principal recommendation: For all Permanent exemptions and Temporary exemptions for more than one month**

**PRINCIPAL - APPROVED / NOT APPROVED**  
(please circle)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

OR

**PRINCIPAL - RECOMMENDED / NOT RECOMMENDED**  
(please circle)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 6 Approval** (for Central Delegate use only)

**APPROVED / NOT APPROVED** – include period of exemption if different to period requested and whether the exemption is from enrolment and/or participation.  
(please circle)

SIGNATURE:  DATE:

CENTRAL DELEGATE  
DECD

**If Central Delegate approval is required send to:**

Central Delegate  
Exemptions Processing  
Office for Schools  
Level 6 Education Building  
31 Flinders Street  
ADELAIDE SA 5000

## Fact sheet for Exemption from School Enrolment / Attendance and Education Enrolment / Participation (ED175)

### Things to consider when applying for an exemption

**Is the current form been used** - As of January 2013 a revised new exemption form (ED175) was developed.

**What is the proposed start date for the Exemption** - Students must attend school regularly until an exemption is approved. After submitting a complete application, schools should allow up to 2 working weeks for an approval.

**Is the Exemption Temporary** – Principals have the authority to approve Temporary exemptions (*Medical, Other/Conditional*) for less than 1 month or for (*Family Travel / Holiday*) up to and including 12 months only. Principals must not approve more than two 1 month exemptions per student. Exemptions must not be approved consecutively. Any additional exemptions for a student who has reached this limit will require approval from the Central Delegate.

**Is the Exemption Permanent** – All Permanent exemptions (*Full Time Employment, TAFE / Other Course, Traineeship, Apprenticeship*) regardless of duration require an exemption form (ED175) to be completed and lodged for approval with the Central Delegate.

**If the Exemption is Permanent is the student under 15 years of age** - It is the Department of Education and Child Development policy not to approve exemptions from attendance for students under the age of 15 for the reasons of Full Time Employment, Traineeship, Apprenticeship, TAFE or other course unless there is a special circumstance. Strong recommendations must come from the school and regional office with supporting documents before such applications will be considered.

**Has the appropriate evidence been submitted** - It is the Parent / Guardian responsibility to submit evidence to the school when required. Supporting evidence is required for the reasons of Full Time Employment, TAFE / Other Course, Traineeship, Apprenticeship, Medical and Other / Conditional when applying for an exemption. Applications without supporting evidence may be delayed or not approved.

**Has the form been fully completed** – it is the schools responsibility to ensure the form has been completed before lodging with the Central Delegate for approval.

- **SECTION 1 Details** - This section is for the Parent / Guardian to fill in the student's details and sign.
- **SECTION 2 Reason** - This section is for the Parent / Guardian to indicate the reason why they would like to apply for the exemption. Reasons include:

#### Permanent

- **Full Time Employment** - Students of compulsory school age and compulsory education age (6 to 17 years of age) require an exemption to undertake employment under the following conditions:
  - Students of compulsory school age (under 16) must be employed in 30hrs or more per week employment.
  - Students of compulsory education age (16 to 17) must be employed in 25hrs or more per week employment.Evidence is required, such as a letter from the employer which indicates that the above conditions are met.
- **TAFE or other course / Traineeship / Apprenticeship** - Students of compulsory school age (under 16) require an exemption from school to undertake a traineeship / apprenticeship / TAFE or other course. Students of compulsory education age (16 to 17) do not need to apply for an exemption but they will be required to submit appropriate evidence to the school before they can leave. Suitable evidence includes a copy of the contract of training, letter of offer from the employer, letter of acceptance from TAFE.

#### Temporary

- **Family Travel / Holiday** - Students of compulsory school age and compulsory education age (6 to 17 years of age) require an exemption if they wish to travel or go on a family holiday during school time.
- **Ongoing Medical Condition** - Students of compulsory school age and compulsory education age (6 to 17 years of age) require an exemption if they have a medical condition that prevents them from attending school. Evidence is required such as a letter from a medical practitioner stating the reasons why they deem the student unable to attend school. For students with a medical condition that may only allow them to attend school part time – see Other / Conditional Exemptions.
- **Other / Conditional** - For all other reasons including Conditional exemptions and home education. Principals can grant less than one month exemption for home schooling after a home education application has been lodged with Office for Schools. For Conditional Exemptions see: <http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/speced2/pages/default/29640/>
- **SECTION 3 Period** - This section is for the Parent / Guardian to fill in for the requested period of the exemption. Note that students who are applying for a Permanent exemption (*Full Time employment, Traineeship, Apprenticeship, TAFE / Other Course*) will only need to indicate a start date. The end date will automatically calculated to either their 16 or 17 birthday as required by the compulsory school age (16) or compulsory education age (17).
- **SECTION 4 Employer Details** - Required only if the reason is for Full Time Employment, Traineeship or an Apprenticeship.
- **SECTION 5 Recommendations** – Temporary Exemptions (*Family Travel / Holiday, Medical and Other*) for less than one month can be approved by the principal and kept by the school for their records. Temporary Exemptions for less than one month are not required to be lodged with the Central Delegate for approval. Exemption certificates are not issued for principal approved exemptions. Permanent exemptions (*Employment, TAFE, Traineeship, Apprenticeship*) and Temporary exemptions more than one month are required to be recommended by the principal and lodged with the Central Delegate for approval.
- **SECTION 6 Approval** – If the form requires approval from the Central Delegate, DECD it can be mailed to: Central Delegate, Exemptions Processing, Office for Schools, Level 6 Education Building, 31 Flinders Street, ADELAIDE SA 5000, Courier R11/46.

For more information about the:

Exemption process see:

<http://www.sa.gov.au/subject/Education,+skills+and+learning/Schools/School+life/Exemption+from+attending+school>

Compulsory Education Age see: <http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/educationage/>

Compulsory School Age see: <http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/speced2/pages/attendance/attendanceInfo/Compulsory/>

Or contact Child Student Wellbeing on 8226 1062

Home Education see: <http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/speced2/pages/default/homeeducation/>

Or contact the Home Education Project Officer on 8226 1327

EDSAS coding see: <https://ssonet.central.sa.edu.au/>

Or contact Data Management on 8226 3269