

FAQs

My co-op is a business. Is there any other red tape I should be aware of?

From a legal perspective, if you have a business that educates homeschool children, you should consider yourself a tutoring business, therefore you may want to look at insurance from this perspective and possibly take out Public Liability and/or Professional Indemnity insurance.

As a tutor, you are working in an unregulated sector, so any qualifications/licenses etc. you may possess are more for catering to the wishes/requirements of families rather than a legal requirement. These may include the above forms of insurance, teacher qualifications and continuing education certificates, teacher registration, a Blue Card, First Aid certificates. As a tutor, you may possess all or none of these, however, from a business perspective, having some of these may be helpful.

As you will be educating homeschooling children, you need to become aware of the [Education Act \(2006\) Chapter 9, Part 5](#)

If you are setting up an education business, it is important to make yourself aware of the [Education \(Accreditation of Non-State Schools\) Act 2017](#).

If you are creating a school, you will need to be accredited to be legal.

If you are not creating a school, you will need to avoid being too school-like as you may come up on the radar of the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board, whose job it is to decide whether you are a school or not and if they decide you are and not accredited, to shut you down and hand out large fines.

Avoid coming up on their radar if you want to save yourself a world of problems.

You mentioned Non-Violent Communication. What is that?

[Watch this video...](#) for information on NVC.

Click [HERE](#) to connect with an NVC trainer in your area.

We'd like to use a curriculum in our co-op. How do we choose which one?

There is a wide range of curriculum options available. Using your values as your guide, check out reviews of curriculums that interest you. Curriculums can be expensive, so, if possible, do a trial of the curriculum first to avoid spending a lot of money on something you later regret.

The guides section in [Home Education Qld](#)'s Facebook group has a great list of curriculums that may be of interest.

The Educating Parent website also has a comprehensive list of curriculums on p31 of their [Resources Directory pdf](#)...

Which legislation should we be aware of as a homeschool co-op?

[The Education Act \(2006\)](#)

Chapter 9 Home Education

[Education \(Accreditation of Non-State Schools\) Act 2017](#)

Our co-op isn't a business, but we're feeling like public liability insurance might be a good idea. Any advice on where to go?

For co-ops that are not for profit/not making any money, many homeschoolers recommend [HEN \(Home Education Network\)](#) as they offer insurance for their members. This business is based in Victoria but offers homeschool insurance nationwide with membership.

Is there somewhere we can connect to other co-ops to share ideas?

Facebook [Australian Homeschool Co-op Connect](#)



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