

## School age requirements and age exemptions

**School Age:** Under the Education and Training Reform Act 2006, schooling is compulsory for students aged between 6 and 17 years unless an exemption from enrolment or attendance has been granted. For enrolment and attendance exemption categories and processes — refer to [Exemptions from School Enrolment and Attendance](#).

Compulsory schooling for students aged between 6 and 17 applies to all schools including mainstream, specialist, and government English language schools or centres.

A person who is not of compulsory school age may not enrol in, or attend a government school unless:

- the person falls within an exception to the age eligibility requirements set out in the Education and Training Reform Regulations 2017 (Regulations) — refer to the Exceptions information on the Department of Education website; or
- the person is granted an exemption from the age requirements in the Regulations — refer to the Exemptions information on the Department of Education Website.

## Designated neighbourhood schools – school zones

All government primary and secondary schools have a school zone. A school zone defines an area's designated neighbourhood government school. Every Victorian student has a legislated right to enrol at their designated neighbourhood government school (local school).

Our school zone is available on [findmyschool.vic.gov.au](http://findmyschool.vic.gov.au) which hosts the most up-to-date information on school zones in Victoria.

Students residing within our school zone are guaranteed a place at our school, which is determined on the basis of your permanent residential address.

Our school manages enrolments using the [Placement Policy](#) to ensure that students have access to their designated neighbourhood school and may enrol at another school, if there are available places.

### For more information, you can:

- visit [School zones](#) for answers to frequently asked questions
- call the School Provision and Establishment Division via the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) on [1800 896 950](tel:1800896950)
- email the VSBA at [vsba@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:vsba@education.vic.gov.au)

Parents and carers can visit [Starting school](#) to find information on:

- [School zones](#)

- [Enrolling in school](#)