

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

ENGAGEMENT AS AN AUTHORISED PERSON FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOME SCHOOLING

(Education Act 1990)

The *Education Act 1990* recognises home schooling as a legitimate alternative to the enrolment of a child of compulsory school age in a government or registered non-government school in NSW.

The Office of the Board of Studies is delegated by the Minister for Education and Training with responsibility for the administration of the home schooling program in NSW.

The Office is seeking expressions of interest from persons based in the Lismore, Coffs Harbour, Port Macquarie and Blacktown areas for engagement as Authorised Persons to service the surrounding regions.

Authorised Persons provide advice and report on applications for home schooling. Generally, Authorised Persons meet the applicant and the children in their home. The report to the Office of the Board of Studies assesses the applicant's compliance with the home schooling provisions of the Education Act and related Guidelines.

The successful applicants for this role will be engaged for a period of up to three years, commencing 1 January 2010, with the possibility of an extension for a further three years. Remuneration will be on a contracted fee-for-service basis.

Selection criteria

- Formal educational qualifications
- evidence of successful teaching experience
- recent experience in supporting the implementation of the Board's curriculum
- demonstrated understanding of a range of approaches to teaching and learning
- knowledge of the minimum curriculum requirements across both primary and secondary areas for children in NSW between the ages of six and fifteen years
- understanding and appreciation of home schooling as a viable educational alternative
- high-level interpersonal and written communication skills
- capacity to use information and communication technologies to prepare reports and communicate with the Office.

Your expression of interest must address these selection criteria.

It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for selection as an Authorised Person. Screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.

Applicants will need to possess a vehicle with comprehensive insurance, a current driver's licence and access to telephone and computer (including internet) services. Home visits and meetings will be required during normal working hours.

Please contact Mrs Debbie Kashmer on (02) 9367 8395 to request a Home Education in NSW Information Package, or you may access the information package on the Board of Studies website at www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/manuals/#home_ed_info_pack

Inquiries: Mr John O'Brien (02) 9367 8134

Post applications including curriculum vitae to:

The Administrative Officer
Home Education Unit
Registration Branch
Office of the Board of Studies
GPO Box 5300
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Closing date: **Friday 13 November 2009**

Expression of Interest for the Position of Authorised Person for the Purpose of Home Schooling

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ (M) _____

Email: _____

Please attach:

- a copy of your curriculum vitae
- an application addressing the selection criteria
- the names and contact details of at least two referees who can verify your involvement in curriculum leadership.

Signature of applicant:

Date:
