



## **Deadline for Notification to New Mexico is August 1, 2017**

### **Why do I have to notify NM of my homeschool?**

We are blessed to live in a state with low regulation for homeschooling. Our regulations do state that all homeschools must notify NM Public Education Department within 30 days of establishing the homeschool and by August 1 each year after.

### **Who has to notify?**

Every homeschool family in New Mexico.

### **How do I notify NM Education Department?**

There are two ways to notify the NM government of your intent to homeschool.

- 1) The fastest and cheapest is to fill out the form on-line. Simply go to: [www.ped.state.nm.us/HomeSchools/application.html](http://www.ped.state.nm.us/HomeSchools/application.html) and fill out the form. Remember to print out a copy for your records. I print out two copies, one for my file and one for my wallet. It's great to keep a copy with you in case you are challenged by a government official, and you can use them for discounts at several retailers like some craft and book stores. Ask the cashier to see if the retailer you visit has teacher discounts. If you have driving teens, print out extra copies for your teens to keep with them if they ever get challenged about being out and about during school hours when you are not with them.
- 2) If you don't want to register on-line, then you can fill out the paper form and mail it in. This option does cost you a stamp and the time to mail. Be aware that your homeschool information still ends up in the same database if you fill out a paper form or fill out the on-line form. Click here to get the [paper form](#).

### **When does the notification have to be completed by?**

To remain compliant with the NM homeschool law, notification must be completed by August 1, 2017.

If you are new to homeschooling and this is your first year, you have 30 days to establish your homeschool regardless of when during the year you begin. For example, if you first start homeschooling on September 5, then you have until October 5 to notify the state. However, if you

homeschooled last year and you plan to continue this year, you still need to notify by August 1, 2017, even if you don't start your school year until October.

If you have questions about homeschooling or want to reach homeschool groups in your area, please email us at [capenm@cape-nm.org](mailto:capenm@cape-nm.org).

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