

REGULATIONS UNDER THE EDUCATION ACT

Home education

- 39** (1) A parent providing a home education program who registers a child for each school academic year with the Minister pursuant to clause 128(2)(a) of the Act, shall,
- (a) where the parent registers the child for a full school academic year, submit the registration to the Minister on or before September 20 of the school academic year in which the parent wishes to provide the programs; or
 - (b) where the parent registers the child for less than the full school academic year, submit the registration to the Minister before commencing the provision of the home education program.
- (2) A registration form required by subsection (1) shall include,
- (a) in the case of previous public school experience, the last grade level attained;
 - (b) in the case of previous home education experience, the program level of achievement and estimated equivalent public school grade level; and
 - (c) identification of the proposed home education program.
- 40** A parent providing a home education program who reports the child's progress to the Minister pursuant to clause 128(2)(b) of the Act, shall provide the report
- (a) at least once a year in June of the school academic year in which the child takes the home education program; and
 - (b) in a manner consistent with the type of program provided and which accurately reflects the child's progress.
- 41** (1) For the purpose of clause 128(4)(a) of the Act, a "standardized test" means a nationally or internationally recognized achievement test given under standard conditions to measure the level of academic achievement of individual students.
- (2) For the purpose of clause 128(4)(b) of the Act, a "qualified assessor" means a person, other than a parent of the child whose educational progress is being assessed, who is
- (a) a teacher;

- (b) a person holding a teacher's certificate issued by the Minister, or
- (c) a faculty member of an education faculty of a Nova Scotia university that trains teachers,

whose area of expertise relating to assessing educational progress includes students within the age range of the child.

- (3) For the purpose of clause 128(4)(c) of the Act, a "portfolio of the child's work" means a representative, multi-curricula selection of the child's work performed over a period of time, for the purpose of assisting the Minister in assessing the child's progress and achievement.

42 For the purpose of subsection 128(5) of the Act, an "independent assessor" means a person who has at least the qualifications of a "qualified assessor" prescribed in subsection 41(2).

43 An assessment instrument authorized by the Minister through which a child in a home education program is assessed under subsection 128(6) of the Act shall be

- (a) administered to the child by a school board at the same time and under the same conditions as it is administered to public school students; and
- (b) taken by the child with age-alike or grade-alike public school students.