

Residential address check

For the enrolment of students in NSW Government schools

Persons seeking to enrol a child in a NSW Government school may be required to show documents to establish the child's address

Key principles

The Education Act 1990 provides the key principles that govern the enrolment of students in NSW Government schools. Some of them are summarised below.

The parent of a child may enrol the child at any government school if the child is eligible to attend the school and the school can accommodate the child (section 34.1).

A child is entitled to be enrolled at the government school that is designated for the intake area within which the child's home is situated and that the child is eligible to attend (section 34.2).

The principal may, for the purpose of establishing a child's eligibility to attend or entitlement to be enrolled at the school, require a person seeking to enrol the child at the school to provide proof, to the satisfaction of the principal, of the child's identity, date of birth and home address (section 34A.1).

In determining whether a child could be accommodated, the number of classrooms and other facilities may be considered (section 34.6).

The enrolment of a child who is not entitled to be enrolled at the school may be terminated if the child was enrolled as a result of false information or a false document provided (section 34A.4).

Establishing the child's residential address

To determine a child's eligibility to attend or entitlement to enrol in the school, the principal may require documents to establish the child's address.

Generally, acceptable documents show the full name of the parent and address of the parent or carer with whom the child lives. However, any requests for proof of address must be reasonable in the circumstances.

Staff in schools abide by the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW). Residential address information provided will be used to process applications for enrolment and associated purposes and the information will be stored securely.

100-point residential address check in some schools with a designated intake area

Schools that are above or near (i.e. the number of non-local enrolment applications received exceeds the number of enrolment places available outside the local enrolment buffer) their buffer level use the following 100-point residential address check to verify that the student being presented for enrolment lives within the intake area.

100 Point Residential address check

For the enrolment of students in NSW Government schools Bathurst Network

Parent / Carer details	1.1
School name	
Date	
Document showing the full name of the child's parent Point	nts
Only one of (i.e. no additional points for additional documents) 40 points max value	
Council rates notice	
Lease agreement through a registered real estate agent for a period of at least 6 months or rental board bond receipt	
Exchanged contract of sale with settlement to occur within the applicable school year	
Any of the following is acceptable (20 points each) 60 points max value	
Private rental agreement for a period of at least 6 months	
Centrelink payment statement showing home address	
Electoral roll statement	
Any of the following documents 15 points each	
Electricity or gas bill showing the service address*	
Water bill showing the service address*	
Telephone or internet bill showing the service address*	
Drivers licence or government issued ID showing home address*	
Home building or home contents insurance showing the service address	
Motor vehicle registration or compulsory third party insurance policy showing home address	
Statutory declaration stating the child's residential address, how long they have lived there, and any supporting information or documentation of this	
* up to three months old Total points	
School confirmation: all documents sighted and copied	
Name Signature Date	