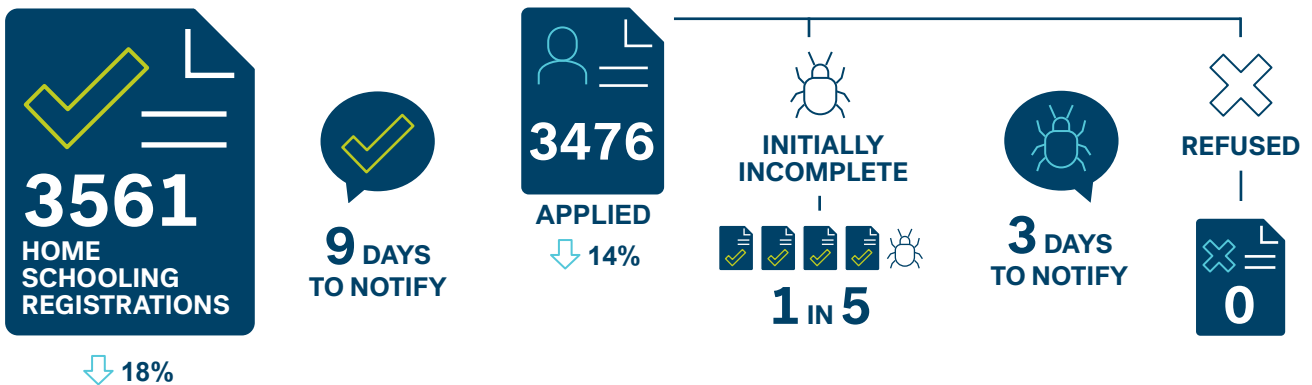


HOME SCHOOLING REGISTRATION ACTIVITY

1 JANUARY – 31 DECEMBER 2023



We registered 3561 children for home schooling this year, 18% less than in 2022. The total number of active registrations decreased by 0.5% over the 12-month period.

On average, we notified a parent that their child was registered 9 days after receiving their complete application. The decreasing number of new applications supported the improved timeframes.

Incomplete applications miss supporting documents or lack enough detail to demonstrate they meet the requirements. The proportion of applications that were incomplete in 2023 was one in 5, compared to the one in 12 in 2022.

This increase is due to changes in how we record and report incomplete applications. The number now includes all applications where the parent was contacted to provide additional information. This improved response times and meant we averaged only 3 days to notify parents about any issue with their application.

We did not refuse any applications in 2023.

We received 746 applications for a learning area exemption in 2023.

The most common learning area for an exemption is languages.

We did not refuse any exemption applications. Some were withdrawn when we clarified the registration requirements.

The growth in home schooling applications during 2022 impacted review processes into 2023. There were 701 families selected for review but the 2023 review cycle did not commence until December.

All completed reviews found the requirements of registration were being met.

