Supervisor-issued diploma

Act 196 of 2014 modified the law to allow home education supervisors (parents, guardians, legal custodians) to award a state-recognized home education high school diploma to their children. The Act became effective for diplomas granted beginning October 31, 2014. The requirements for this diploma follow.

*Legal requirements*

(1) The supervisor must submit an affidavit to the superintendent of schools in their district of residence for the student’s twelfth grade (graduation) year

(2) The student must complete the graduation requirements of the law while enrolled in the home education program (see the *Curriculum* section)

(3) The home education evaluator must fulfill the legal requirements as a secondary level home education evaluator (see the *Evaluators* section)

(4) The evaluator who signs the diploma, in confirmation that the student has completed the graduation requirements of the law, must be the same evaluator whose evaluation was submitted to the school district for the student’s twelfth grade (graduation) evaluation

(5) The diploma must be awarded to the student on a standardized form developed by PDE

If the homeschool family provides evidence to the school district of the diploma, the school district can make a notation of the fact in the student’s record at the district. Then, if the diploma is lost or misplaced and the twelfth grade evaluator cannot be located to sign a replacement, there will be a record at the school district that it exists. The evidence could be (1) a copy of the diploma with the evaluator’s signature attached, or (2) a notation on the twelfth grade evaluation, submitted to the superintendent, stating that the graduation requirements have been met.

The form for a supervisor-issued diploma (*Home Education Diploma (PDE 6008) and Definitions*) may be downloaded and printed from a link on the [Home Education and Private Tutoring](http://www.education.pa.gov/K-12/Home%20Education%20and%20Private%20Tutoring/Pages/default.aspx) homepage.

*Duplicate diplomas*

It is imperative that a parent-issued diploma be preserved in case the evaluator moves or does not keep a log of the diplomas they have signed. The original twelfth grade evaluator is the only one who is legally authorized to co-sign the diploma.