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Legislative changes June 2018

Working With Children Legislation changes









There have been some changes to the laws around the Working With Children Check that are important for everyone who works or volunteers with kids and their employers.

The main changes are:

- a requirement for people to keep their personal details up to date or risk a penalty
- employers must verify child-related workers or risk a fine
- WWCC is required for all parent volunteers attending overnight kids camps, with their own child
- Discretion for the Children's Guardian in regard to granting continuing residence approvals. For a child who was in out-of-home care prior to turning 18 who is refused a WWCC

clearance, the Children’s Guardian may now grant continuing residence approval so the young person can continue to live in their home.

[A full list of the legislative changes can be downloaded. \(32.3KB\)](#)

Do you need a Working With Children Check? Some examples		
Definitely	Not sure?	No Check required if
<p>You work with children (this includes music teachers, extra-curricular coaches, instructors, dance teachers, tutors, au pairs and nannies).</p> <p>You work or help with children with disability.</p> <p>You provide transport for children (including to their work in the entertainment industry).</p> <p>You volunteer to work with children who are not close relatives.</p> <p>You are working or volunteering at a kids' overnight camp.</p> <p>You provide babysitting through an agency.</p>	<p> You work in an organisation that delivers services for children but do not have more than incidental contact with the children.</p> <p> You work in an organisation that delivers services to children and handle confidential data*.</p> <p> You are a student, over 18, on a clinical placement in a hospital or other health service.</p> <p> You are joining a formal mentoring program.</p> <p> You do informal domestic work at a home where there are children.</p> <p> You babysit by private arrangement.</p> <p> You chaperone or supervise children working in the entertainment industry.</p> <p> You dress or make-up children working on an ad shoot.</p>	<p>You are under 18.</p> <p>You are a receptionist at an entertainment venue and occasionally help out with children.</p> <p>Your work with children is very short term - a visitor to a school as a guest speaker.</p> <p>You are a co-worker or supervisor of a worker who is under 18 at a non-child related workplace, such as a shop.</p> <p>You are a private practice health practitioner who treats children with another adult present.</p> <p>You are visiting from interstate and working with children for less than 30 days.</p>
<p>*The employer may apply to have the role deemed child related work.</p>		

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- Educators (13.7KB)
- Parents regarding overnight camps (13.2KB)

Posters

- Keep your details up to date (218.4KB)
- Parents regarding overnight camps (113.7KB)

Presentation

- For clubs, sports organisations, extra-curricular groups (5MB)