

## Working with Children Check Exemption Guidance

### VIC

**If a volunteer falls into one of the exempt categories, they will not be required to undergo a Working with Children Check (WWC Check).** This will be the case even while performing 'child-related work'.

Note: Contact that is only occasional or incidental to the work does not fall within the definition of 'child-related work' under the Worker Screening Act.

#### **Volunteers are exempt if they are:**

- parents volunteering in the same activity that their child is participating or normally participates in
- 'closely related' to each child they are in contact with during their child-related work
- registered teachers (if the registered teacher is engaged in child-related work other than in a school or an early childhood service, they must notify the Secretary of that work within 21 days)
- Victoria Police officers, Australian Federal Police, or protective services officers
- workers visiting Victoria if the period of child-related work is not more than 30 days within the same calendar year

#### **An important note on when a person cannot rely on an exemption:**

- When a person has previously been given a WWC Exclusion (unless they have since been given a clearance)
- When a person has been given an Interim WWC Exclusion
- When a person has been excluded from child-related work under the law of another state or territory
- When a person is subject to orders or reporting obligations under the Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004 (Vic)

For more information on individuals requiring a WWC Check, visit the [VIC government Working with Children Checks page here](#).