

When will I receive my results?

In general please allow six weeks to receive your Working with Vulnerable People (Children) results. Some people will receive their results within a few days; others may wait longer depending on their personal information. It should not be assumed that a delay in getting results means a person has a criminal background.

Delays

Delays in getting your results may be caused by:

- the time it takes for information to be reported on criminal history
- having a common surname or date of birth
- sharing the same name as someone with a criminal history
- having records against your name

Common surname or date of birth

The Registration involves a National Police Check and review of any workplace records. Therefore, it is of vital importance that every individual is correctly identified. If you have a commonly occurring surname like Smith, Brown or Nguyen, the process of cross-referencing your name against records databases may take longer.

Same name as someone with records

If you are unlucky enough to have the same name as a person with a criminal history, your Registration results may be delayed while your identity is matched using additional information such as date of birth and licence details. This will delay your results but will also ensure that you are not mistakenly associated with records belonging to another individual.

Records against your name

If you have any criminal records or there are findings of misconduct by a reporting body against your name, these records will need to be reviewed to determine whether or not they are relevant for the purposes of a Working with Vulnerable People Registration.

Some records will lead to a Risk Assessment (see *'Fact Sheet – The Risk Assessment Process'*). Other records will lead to an automatic barring against you working with children.

If you have not heard after six weeks, email workingwithchildren@justice.tas.gov.au with your application's reference number. We cannot provide any information before this time.

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