



Exemptions from Registration

Some individuals who engage in a child-related regulated activity, either as an employee or volunteer, may not need to apply for a Working with Vulnerable People (Children) Registration.

It is important to consider what category of child-related work and what work tasks you do before deciding whether you require a Working with Vulnerable People Registration.

If you are involved in child-related work in more than one category you should also be aware that you will require a Working with Vulnerable People Registration if an exemption applies to one category but not the other e.g. you are a Police Officer volunteering on the committee of your local sporting team. You are only exempt in your professional role as a Police Officer. You must still apply for Working with Vulnerable People Registration for your sporting team role.

Other legislation may also require Working with Vulnerable People Registration in circumstances where an exemption may otherwise apply. For example, if you are a teacher from interstate then you must have a Tasmanian Working with Vulnerable People Registration before you can be registered under the *Teachers Registration Act 2000* to teach in Tasmania. This would override the 28 day exemption for a person with a working with children registration under another State's laws.

You will be exempt if:

- you are a child who is under the age of 16 and working with younger children
- you are engaged in a regulated activity (other than an overnight camp for children) for a particular employer and have only incidental physical contact with children (and not for more than 7 days in any calendar year);

Note: Exemption timeframes are based on days not hours. Per day includes one event in a day – i.e., one hour of parent help at a school or one hour working as a soccer coach for a club/association counts as a day.

- you are engaged in a regulated activity (other than an overnight camp for children) for a particular employer and have more than incidental physical contact with children and there is a registered person present (and for not more than 7 days in any calendar year)

- you are registered under another State's law and the activity is of a similar nature to the activity that you are already registered to engage in under that corresponding law; and you are engaged in the regulated activity for not more than 28 days in any 12-month period
- you are a close relative of the child
- you are doing the same activity as the child (for example, playing together in a sporting team)
- you are a school student on a work experience placement or doing practical training
- you are an employer or supervisor of a child, unless the child is engaged in a regulated activity
- you are a Police Officer (including a Police Officer of another jurisdiction), or an AFP Appointee within the meaning of *the Australian Federal Police Act 1979* of the Commonwealth
- you are a Correctional Officer, within the meaning of the *Corrections Act 1997*
- you are a staff member of, or volunteer for, an approved provider under the *Aged Care Act 1997* of the Commonwealth
- you are a Financial Services Licensee under the Corporations Act
- you are engaged in a regulated activity for a Tasmanian Public Authority or an Agency of the Commonwealth (including a body, corporate or unincorporate, established under an Act of the Commonwealth) and the only contact you have with a child is providing a service at a public counter or shop front or by telephone
- you are engaged in a regulated activity and the only contact you have with a child is providing information to, or receiving information from them by telephone
- you are engaged in the regulated activity and the only contact you have with a child is working with a record of them (for instance entering information about students into a school database)
- you are an Emergency Management Worker who is engaged in a regulated activity for the purposes of dealing with an emergency
- you are engaged in a regulated activity for a Tasmanian, national or international event and the Minister has declared, by order, that the person, or persons of a class, of which you are included, are not required to be registered for the regulated activity

- you are a member of a class of persons prescribed by the Regulations as not required to be registered for the regulated activity, providing you do not engage in a child-related regulated activity in any other capacity that would require registration, including:
 - performers, and other persons employed for the purposes of a performance, in children’s entertainment who are not in direct physical contact with the child audience;
 - employees at a party venue who do not have contact with children
 - employees at a party venue who do not have contact with children, other than to serve food or drink
 - suppliers of food, drink or equipment for a sporting, cultural or other entertainment venue
 - persons providing coaching or tutoring to the general public, but not to children separately from adults
 - persons providing coaching or tutoring as part of an informal arrangement with a neighbour, friend or relative
 - persons as members of a congregation at a religious service
 - lifeguards and lifesavers providing lifesaving services
 - referees, umpires, linespersons or other sporting officials or grounds persons who are not in contact with children at sporting events for extended periods without other adults being present (other than track officials at children’s athletics meets)
 - parents of children at a sporting, cultural or entertainment event if the parents are spectators only
 - administrative staff of a club, organisation, movement, society or other body if their usual duties do not bring them in contact with children.

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