

Working with Children Check

Applying for a Check - When you need to apply

The WWC Check is being phased-in over five years. When you need to apply for a Check depends on the year that your category of child-related work is being phased in. To work out when it is time to apply, check the phasing plan below. If you fall into more than one category of child-related work, you should apply under whichever category comes first. **Year 1** categories of child-related work have been phased-in.

<p>The following categories have already been phased-in</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child protection services • Youth Justice • Fostering children • Community services • Family day care • School crossing services • Overnight camps • Educational institutions • Outside school hours care 		<p>People engaging in "child-related work" in connection with these occupational categories must apply for a Working with Children Check before commencing such work. Failure to do so may result in penalties.</p>
<p>The following categories are still to be phased-in</p>		<p>When to Apply</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational institutions for children, specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TAFE colleges and TAFE Divisions of universities providing VCE and/or Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) subjects - Some adult education providers providing VCE and/or VCAL subjects - Other institutions providing children's study or training programs. • Child care services, specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - centre based long day care - occasional care - in home care • Children's services (that are required to be regulated under the <i>Children, Youth and Families Act 2005</i>) including kindergartens or preschools • Counselling or other support services for children • Publicly-funded or commercial transport services specifically for children • Refuges or other residential facilities used by children • Religious organisations 		<p>Year 2 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Babysitting or childminding services arranged by a commercial agency • Clubs, associations or movements (including of cultural, recreational or sporting nature) that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - provide services or conduct activities for, or directed at, children, or - whose membership is mainly comprised of children • Paediatric wards of public or private hospitals 		<p>Year 3 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubs, associations or movements (including of cultural, recreational or sporting nature) that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - provide services or conduct activities for, or directed at, children, or - whose membership is mainly comprised of children • Coaching or tuition services of any kind for children 		<p>Year 4 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubs, associations or movements (including of cultural, recreational or sporting nature) that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - provide services or conduct activities for, or directed at, children, or - whose membership is mainly comprised of children • Commercial entertainment or party services for children, unless they are merely incidental to or in support of other business activities • Commercial gym or play facilities for children unless they are merely incidental to or in support of other business activities <i>For example, the provision of play facilities for children by a fast-food business may be merely incidental to the business of providing food</i> • Commercial photography services specifically for children unless they are merely incidental to or in support of other business activities • Commercial talent or beauty competitions for children unless they are merely incidental to or in support of other business activities 		<p>Year 5 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011</p>