

# Working with Children Check Exemptions.



## Teachers

If you are a teacher who is currently registered with the Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT), you are exempt from the Check.

However, if your VIT registration is suspended or cancelled, you are no longer exempt and must apply for a Check. You must, in writing, notify every organisation that engages you in child-related work within seven days of the suspension or cancellation of your registration.

**Example:** Claire is a secondary school teacher currently registered with VIT. She volunteers to coach children at a local chess club and does not need a Check to do this work. VIT registration applies to Registered Teachers, Provisional Teachers and Early Childhood Teachers, in the Primary, Secondary and Early Childhood settings. Check website below for more information.

<http://www.vit.vic.edu.au/registered-teacher/registration-categories>

- New South Wales Registered teachers that regularly volunteer for a Victorian club/ association will still need to obtain a Victorian WWCC.

## Police officers

If you are a Victoria Police officer or an Australian Federal Police (AFP) officer, you are exempt from the Check.

However, if you are suspended or dismissed from Victoria Police or the AFP, you are no longer exempt and must apply for a Check. You must, in writing, notify every organisation that engages you in child-related work within seven days of being suspended or dismissed.

**Example:** Roger is an AFP officer who volunteers at an under-15s hockey club. He does not need a Check.

## Interstate visitors

Interstate visitors can do child-related work in Victoria without a Victorian Check for a period of up to 30 days in the same calendar year for:

- several events or occasions with a Check from their state or territory, or
- only one event or occasion without a Check from their state or territory.

**Example:** Anne lives in New South Wales (NSW) and wants to bring a group of teenagers to Victoria to see an exhibition at the State Library. As Anne does not usually live in Victoria and will only be in Victoria for one event, she does not need to get a Victorian Check or have one from NSW.

## One off volunteering

You can volunteer for a club, without a Working with Children Check. But for only 30 days per calendar year. After this time a volunteer check will need to be obtained and the individual to list all organisation they volunteer for.

**Example:** Mary volunteers in the canteen for her son's football club once a year, she does not need a WWCC. However Mary also updates the clubs social media pages and newsletter, she does need a WWCC.

Please refer to Victorian Working with Children Check Website.

<http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>