

Clearances to work with children

Every state and territory in Australia has laws that require adults (and some children) who work or volunteer with children to hold one or more clearances. We recommend organising your clearance early in your course to prevent delays. Below is a summary of the clearances required for each jurisdiction.

Note: if you are under 18 years of age, you may still need a clearances – contact the relevant department in your state or territory for advice (or ask your school).

WA	<p>Clearance: Working with Children Check</p> <p>From: WWC Screening Unit</p> <p>Valid: 3 years</p> <p>https://workingwithchildren.wa.gov.au/</p> <p>To work in a public school, you will also a Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Check: https://www.education.wa.edu.au/ncchc</p> <p>If help is required for this clearance, please contact the Department of Education's Screening Unit at screening@education.wa.edu.au or telephone 9264 4391. Note this is in addition to the WWCC, and is not the same a National Police Clearance (which you do not need).</p>
QLD	<p>Clearance: Blue Card</p> <p>From: Blue Card Services</p> <p>https://www.qld.gov.au/law/laws-regulated-industries-and-accountability/queensland-laws-and-regulations/regulated-industries-and-licensing/blue-card-services</p>
SA	<p>Clearance: Working with Children Check</p> <p>From: The Department of Human Services Screening Unit</p> <p>Valid: 5 years</p> <p>https://screening.sa.gov.au/</p>
VIC	<p>Clearance: Working with Children Check</p> <p>From: Working with Children Check Victoria</p> <p>Valid: 5 years</p> <p>https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/</p>
NSW	<p>Clearance: Working with Children Check</p>

	<p>From: The Office of the Children's Guardian</p> <p>Valid: 5 years</p> <p>https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-working-children-check</p>
ACT	<p>Clearance: Working with Vulnerable People Check</p> <p>From: Access Canberra</p> <p>Valid: 5 years</p> <p>https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/s/</p>
NT	<p>Clearance: Working with Children Check (also called Ochre Card)</p> <p>From: Screening Assessment for Employment (SAFE NT)</p> <p>Valid: 2 years</p> <p>https://nt.gov.au/emergency/community-safety/apply-for-a-working-with-children-clearance</p>
TAS	<p>Clearance: Registration to work with vulnerable people</p> <p>From: Consumer, Building and Occupational Services</p> <p>https://cbos.tas.gov.au/topics/licensing-and-registration/registrations/work-with-vulnerable-people</p>