

## FAQ's

# Working with Children Checks (or equivalent)



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# Working with Vulnerable People



## WWVP

In Tasmania you receive a card if your Working with Vulnerable People (WWVP) Check application is successful.

**APPLY HERE**

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### Q1. How do I apply for a check?

You must start the application process online and then complete it at one of the [service centres](#). The online part of the application takes about 30 minutes.

[Complete the online application form](#)

### Q2. What type of check do I need?

Generally, there is one of two options, either a volunteer or employee check.

#### **Volunteer Check**

If you volunteer (do not get paid) for the role you are engaged to conduct, then a volunteer check is the check you need. If you're reimbursed for any out-of-pocket expenses you incur in doing voluntary work, you remain eligible for this type of Check.

#### **Employee Check**

If you do paid work (excluding reimbursements) you will need an employee check. The employee check covers both volunteer and paid work.

Generally coaches that get paid to provide a service will require an Employee Check where Officials who do not get paid, other than reimbursements or a stipend (in-kind) payment will require a Volunteer Check. Please check your own circumstances with TAS Government.

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### Q3. How much will it cost?

Employment / volunteer - \$119.00

Volunteer only - \$20.40

Change of class (upgrade from volunteer to employment) - \$98.60

\*The fee is non refundable

### Q4. How long will it take?

Currently the wait time is up to 6 weeks.

Once you have received your card, you should email a copy to:

**Coaches** - [coaching@equestrian.org.au](mailto:coaching@equestrian.org.au)

**Officials** - [officials@equestrian.org.au](mailto:officials@equestrian.org.au)

### Q5. What if I already have a check?

If you currently have a valid and appropriate (volunteer or employee) WWCC you can provide a copy of this to Equestrian Australia (EA) to add to the national database by emailing:

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**Officials** - [officials@equestrian.org.au](mailto:officials@equestrian.org.au)

### Q6. Will my WWCC cover me for work interstate?

Each State and Territory have different rules about working with children in their State/Territory. Please refer to the appropriate State/Territory below for further information.

If you exceed the threshold within a state/territory (e.g. 30 days) you will be required to obtain a WWCC in the relevant state/territory. In most instances you can apply for a WWCC from outside the state/territory.

#### ACT

If you have an equivalent WWVP check from your home state or territory, you can work in the ACT for up to a total of 28 days per year (accumulative) before you are required to obtain an ACT WWVP check.

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### NSW

If you have an equivalent WWCC in your home state you can work in NSW for up to a total of 30 days per calendar year before you are required to obtain a NSW WWCC.

### NT

If you have an equivalent WWCC from your home state or territory and you are doing volunteer work (unpaid work) in the Northern Territory you can volunteer for up to 30 days in total, within a 12 month period.

You are not allowed to be a resident of the Northern Territory.

You are not allowed to engage in paid work without an Ocre Card. Some exemptions for a single day of work with children may apply if granted and if the employee is working under direct supervision of someone with an Ocre card.

### QLD

QLD do not recognise working with children checks conducted outside of Queensland.

If you are working in Queensland in regulated child-related employment for more than 7 days in a calendar year, you will be required to get a blue card. QLD do not recognise working with children checks conducted outside of Queensland.

### SA

People who normally live outside South Australia, and hold an equivalent check from their home state or territory, do not need a South Australian Working with Children Check as long as the child-related work:

- occurs, or is to occur, in the course of an organised event; and
- does not exceed 10 consecutive days.

Organised events include events organised and run by an association, club or other body as part of the official activities of the body.

### VIC

If you normally live outside Victoria and hold an equivalent Check from your home State/Territory, you can do child-related work in Victoria without a Check for a maximum of 30 days in a calendar year, which can comprise one or several events or occasions.

If you normally live outside Victoria and don't hold an equivalent Check from your home State/Territory, you can do child-related work in Victoria without a Check on only one occasion or event per calendar year, which may last for a maximum of 30 days.



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## Q6. Will my WWCC cover me for work interstate?...continued

### WA

There are a number of exemptions in WA being;

Short-term visitors to Western Australia:

- applies to work carried out by visitors to Western Australia, where the person is not ordinarily a resident in Western Australia; and only applies during the two week period after the person arrives in Western Australia and cannot exceed a total of two weeks in any period of 12 months; and
- cannot be used in conjunction with the one-off national events and national tours exemption (below). A person cannot use both exemptions in the same 12 month period.

One-off national events and national tours:

- only applies to a person who is not ordinarily resident in Western Australia;
- is specifically limited to one-off national events or national tours organised by a recognised body in connection with specific categories of child-related work
- is for a non-cumulative period of 30 days within a 12 month period (the person can access the exemption once in a 12 month period whether they use 10 days or the 30 days for that one-off national event or national tour); and
- cannot be used in conjunction with the short-term visitor exemption (above). A person cannot use both exemptions in the same 12 month period.

Further information can be found in [Fact Sheet 2](#) on the WA Government Website.

## Q7. How often do I have to renew?

Registration is valid for five years.

## Q8. Do I need to register EA or my state branch?

You should link your card to Equestrian Tasmania and Equestrian Australia where possible.

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