Psychological Assessments Factsheet

Under sections 107 and 110A of the *Children and Young People (Safety) Act 2017*, any person employed in a Children’s Residential Facility (CRF) established, licensed or operated by the Department for Child Protection (DCP) must undergo a psychological assessment, of a kind determined by the department.

**What does the assessment include?**

The assessment process involves psychometric assessment of the person as well as a one on one interview with a registered psychologist that has a least five years relevant experience. Upon completion of the assessment, the psychologist will produce a statement regarding the suitability of the person to be employed within a children’s residential facility.

**Who can provide assessments?**

Providers approved by the Department for Child Protection can deliver psychological assessments. A list of currently approved providers is available on DCP’s website https://www.childprotection.sa.gov.au/department/child-safety-laws-and-you/care-agencies

To access and negotiate terms for the provision of psychological assessment services, please contact the approved provider.

**How do I initiate the assessment process?**

Once you have selected an approved provider, an application for your psychological assessment approach will need to be completed and submitted to DCPPsychologicalAssessments@sa.gov.au Evidence will need to be provided of the assessment process, as well as copies of the organisation’s intended forms. The application form available on DCP’s website contains examples to help with this, as well as information sharing requirements.

Upon approval, the Psychological Assessments Team will provide you with useful templates, and discuss how you may go about identifying employees or applicants who have already been assessed, and do not require further assessment.

**When do assessments need to be completed?**

For persons employed in a Children’s Residential Facility operated by the Department for Child Protection, psychological assessments are required to be completed by **6 September 2019** in line with the regulated lead-in period of section 110A of the *Children and Young People (Safety) Act 2017*.

For persons employed in a licensed Children’s Residential Facility operated by a Non-Government Organisation (NGO), psychological assessments are required to be completed by **22 April 2020**, in line with the regulated lead-in period of section 107 of the *Children and Young People (Safety) Act 2017*.

**Contact**

For more information or support with the psychological assessment process and protocol, contact the Psychological Assessments Team

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