



New working with children checks



From 1 July 2019, people who work or volunteer with children need a working with children check



Children's residential or protection services



Religious organisations



Child minding services



Clubs and associations



Education and training



Party entertainers



Health and allied services



Emergency services



Transport services



Coaching and tuition

What sort of check do you have?



I have a current DHS/DCSI child-related employment screening

You can keep using it until it expires; then you must get a working with children check



I have a current National Police Certificate assessed by my organisation

Under the new law, you can use it until 1 July 2020; then you must get a working with children check



I have a current professional registration

Teachers, health service, and transport service workers who work with children must get a working with children check before they renew their current professional registration



I don't have a current check

Under the new law, you can't work or volunteer with children unless you have a valid check. You can either:

- 1 Talk to your organisation to get a DHS child-related employment screening before 1 July 2019
- 2 Wait until 1 July 2019 to apply directly for a working with children check

What's the difference?

DHS child-related employment screening

(Before 1 July 2019)



Valid for 3 years



Organisation starts the application

Working with children check

(After 1 July 2019)



Valid for 5 years



Do your own application

National Police Certificate

(After 1 July 2020)



Not valid for working or volunteering with children

The law



Screening Unit

From 1 July 2019, the Department of Human Services Screening Unit is the **only** service that can conduct working with children checks in South Australia



From 1 July 2019, it is illegal to

- Work or volunteer with children without a valid working with children check
- Employ a person or volunteer who doesn't have a working with children check, or is prohibited from working with children

Get ready



Don't leave it to the last minute – allow at least six weeks to process your application

If you are renewing a current DHS screening, you can submit a new application up to six months before your current one expires



Talk to your employer about getting a DHS child-related employment screening before 1 July 2019, or you can apply for a working with children check directly from 1 July 2019

Go to: www.screening.sa.gov.au



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