



## New Working With Children Check Fact Sheet for Parishes

### Who needs a Working With Children Check?

The Working With Children Check is **only** available for workers, both paid and unpaid, in child-related work. Child-related work is defined as:

- Work which involves face-to-face contact with children (under the age of 18) in a child-related sector or in a child-related role.

The Chancery Office, in conjunction with the Parish Support and Development Team and the Chancellor, has identified the following positions (but not limited to) are covered by this definition:

- Parish Priests, Assistant Priests, Parish Administrators
- Parish Secretaries
- Youth Ministers, Workers or Leaders
- Pastoral Associates
- Sacramental Coordinators
- Sacramental Group Leaders
- Catechists in State Schools
- Children's Liturgy Coordinators
- Children's Choir Ministry Leaders
- Acolytes and Senior Altar Servers

Any other role that involves working with children which may include roles that

- Involve instructing or training children, or
- circumstances where a parish volunteer or staff member is making home visitations where there are children present during this visitation.

It is also recognised that some workers may play multiple roles within a parish. Should any of the roles, whether they be paid or unpaid, involve work that is child-related, a Working With Children Check will need to be undertaken.

Religious Priests, Chaplains, Sisters or Brothers belonging to an Order or Congregation and who are involved in child-related work in a parish must undertake a Working With children Check. The verification of this Check is the responsibility of the Provincial, Superior or Prioress, but parish priests should obtain confirmation that the Working With Children Check has been undertaken and obtain details of the verification check .

### For more information:

Please contact the Parish Support and Development Team by email: [parish.support@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:parish.support@sydneycatholic.org) or by phone on 9390 5233 if you require assistance.