

Applying for an exemption card

Information for registered teachers and police officers

I work with children as part of my professional duties as a police officer or registered teacher.

OR

In addition to my work as a police officer or registered teacher, I provide other child-related services either in a volunteer, paid or self-employed capacity (such as coaching a local sporting club or tutoring services).

An exemption card is not required.

Registered teachers and police officers are exempt from requiring a blue card when they work with children as part of their professional duties.

Please note that for registered teachers, this exemption only applies when they are providing services at a school or boarding facility.

For other types of services, such as working in a child care centre, private tutoring or volunteering at a sporting club, registered teachers must apply for an exemption card.

Please note that if you already hold a current blue card, you may continue to use it until its expiry date.

Once your blue card expires, you can apply for an exemption card.

If you require an exemption card... please complete an *Exemption card application (E) form* or *Exemption card business application (EB) form*.

There is no fee to apply for an exemption card. Generally, exemption card applicants can commence in child-related work as soon as an exemption application is lodged with Blue Card Services.

The *Education (Accreditation of Non-State Schools) Act 2001* requires directors of a non-state school to have a positive notice and exemption card **before** they can commence work as a director.

Blue Card Services will liaise with the Queensland College of Teachers or the Queensland Police Service to confirm your status as a registered teacher or police officer and conduct an assessment to determine your eligibility to work with children.

If a positive exemption is issued, you will receive a positive exemption notice and exemption card and be subject to ongoing monitoring of your police information. A positive exemption notice is transferable across the categories of regulated employment and business so you can use it for all types of child-related work, including volunteering or running your own business.

A positive exemption notice and exemption card remains valid as long as you remain a registered teacher or police officer, unless it is suspended or cancelled by Blue Card Services earlier.

For more information about the specific categories of regulated employment and business, go to www.bluecard.qld.gov.au

The categories include:

- Child accommodation services including home stays
- Child care (including education and care)
- Churches, clubs and associations
- Foster and kinship care
- Health, counselling and support services
- Private teaching, coaching or tutoring
- School crossing supervisors
- Schools (other than teachers and parents)
- Sport and active recreation
- Residential facilities
- Religious representatives

Is the work covered under the blue card system?

Yes

An exemption card is required

No

Blue Card Services can only screen for activities that are regulated by the *Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000*. If the work is not covered by the blue card system, the person does not require an exemption card and Blue Card Services is unable to screen the applicant.