

Victim Eligible Persons Register - Youth

Factsheet

What is the Victim Eligible Persons Register - Youth?

The register is a list of people that Youth Justice will share information with about the young person who has offended against them, if:

- the person applies and is approved to be on the register;
- the offence was a violent offence or a sexual offence; and
- the young person has been sentenced to detention for the offence.

Who can apply?

You can apply to be on the register if:

- the offence was committed against you;
- the offence was committed against a member of your family;
- you were harmed when intervening to help the person who was offended against; or
- there is a risk to your safety because of a history of violence against you by the young person or you have a connection to the offence (please note that in these cases the young person has the opportunity to make a submission as to why you should not be registered).

You can also apply to have someone receive information on your behalf, for example, a support worker from a victims' support agency.

What information is available?

Once on the register, you will be informed about:

- the length of the young person's detention;
- the day the young person is eligible or due for release;
- any further periods of detention imposed on the young person;
- if the young person receives permission to engage in activities outside of the detention centre;
- if the young person is transferred between detention centres, to a corrective services facility (adult prison), interstate or overseas;
- whether the young person is unlawfully at large; and
- if the young person dies.

The information is confidential and can only be shared by you if required by law, such as by order of a court; to access counselling, advice, or other treatment; or with the young person's consent.



How to apply?

Complete a Victim Eligible Persons Register – Youth application form and send it to the Department of Youth Justice (email and postal addresses are provided on the application form).

Application forms are available from www.qld.gov.au/youthjustice (link to the Victim Register – Youth page is found under the Youth Justice in Queensland heading).

For more information, please phone 13QGOV (13 74 68).

If you have questions about filling out the application form, please email YJPracticeEnquiries@cyjma.qld.gov.au

Removal from the register

Your registration details will be automatically removed once the young person is:

- released from detention;
- dies in detention;
- is transferred to another jurisdiction (interstate or overseas) or a corrective services facility (adult prison);
- if the young person's conviction is overturned; or
- if you request to be removed.

The department may remove you from the register if you share the information unlawfully (see section "What information is available?").

Relevant legislation and definitions

The Victims Eligible Person Register – Youth is governed by the *Youth Justice Act 1992*, Part 8, Division 7.

The definition of victim is from the *Victims of Crime Assistance Act 2009*, section 5(1).

The definition of violent offence is from the *Youth Justice Act 1992*, section 282A(6) and sexual offence is from the *Corrective Services Act 2006*, schedules 1 and 4.

Queensland legislation can be viewed by searching the title of an Act here: <https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/>

Support and advice

Contact Victim Connect on 1300 318 940 or visit www.victimconnect.org.au about your rights and support options.

Financial assistance is available for some victims of violent crime through Victim Assist Queensland. To learn more visit www.qld.gov.au/victims

You can phone Lifeline to speak to a Crisis Supporter on 13 11 14, text 0477 131 114 or chat to Lifeline online at www.lifeline.org.au (all services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week).