



Fact sheet

Justice and detention services

Businesses and employees regulated under the *Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000* must comply with specific obligations.

Who needs a blue card?

Whether you need a blue card depends on two factors – environment and service.

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Environment-based

Your work or business activities take place in a youth detention facility.

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Service-based

Your work or business activities include supervising/ monitoring a child who is subject to a court order under the *Youth Justice Act 1992*.

For example, you will need a blue card if you:

- are a youth detention centre employee
- are a counsellor or support worker providing support to a child at a youth detention centre
- are a legal professional providing one-to-one, online, or over the phone legal support to a youth at a detention centre
- are an educator providing tuition within a youth detention centre
- are a cleaner at a youth detention facility
- supervise a child that is subject to a supervised release order or a community-based order
- own or operate a business that provides services or activities to children who are subject to a court order but are not in a detention centre.

Who doesn't need a blue card?

You may not need a blue card if your employment or business activities fall under any of the following categories:

- police services
- corrective services under the *Corrective Services Act 2006*
- registered health practitioners
- ambulance officers.

For example, you won't need a blue card if you are:

- an AHPRA registered psychologist providing a psychological assessment to a child who is subject to a court order.
- an ambulance officer providing emergency medical assistance to a child within a detention centre.
- a corrective services officer who works in a correction facility.

No Card, No Link, No Start

Everyone engaged in child-related work or operating a business providing services in this industry must hold a blue card.

How do I apply for a blue card?

Information on how to apply is available at www.qld.gov.au/applybluecard

Linking requirements

If you are employed by the Department of Youth Justice and Victim Support (DYJVS), your paid blue card must be linked to DYJVS as your employer organisation.

If you are a business operator, the youth detention facility you are visiting may ask to see and validate your blue card in accordance with their child and youth risk management strategy.

Risk management

DYJVS must develop and implement a [child and youth risk management strategy](#) that outlines child-safe policies and procedures to minimise the risk of harm to children and young people within detention facilities, and those under court ordered supervision.

Similarly, if you own or operate a business that provides support or services to children and young people in detention facilities or subject to community-based supervision orders, you must develop and maintain a child and youth risk management strategy,

For more information and resources to help you, visit

www.qld.gov.au/bluecardriskmanagement

Restricted persons and restricted employment

Restricted persons cannot rely on an exemption.

For more information, visit

www.qld.gov.au/bluecardindividuals

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