

Factsheet CAT10

Categories of child-related work

10: a counselling or other support service



A counselling or other support service refers to therapeutic services designed to help people achieve a remedy or treatment for a problem of a personal, emotional or psychological nature.

Roles considered to be in child-related work

Some examples of roles considered to be in [child-related work](#) are listed below. Please note that in all cases, for a role to be considered to be in child-related work, the **usual duties** of that role must involve, or be likely to involve, **contact** with a **child**. Roles include:

- counsellors, psychotherapists, and similar professionals who treat children's emotional and psychological needs
- social workers or psychologists providing family counselling or support services that involve children
- speech pathologists and occupational therapists working with children who as part of their services, provide counselling to assist children to manage their health and wellbeing
- people providing counselling services for children with illnesses
- people providing telephone or online counselling to children
- people who provide support to children navigating the justice system
- professionals providing counselling and other support services to children, who have been admitted to adult mental health wards where children are not ordinarily patients.

Exemptions

The following [exemptions](#) apply to this category:

- child **volunteers** – work carried out by volunteers under 18 years of age
- unpaid **students** on placement under 18 years of age
- **short-term visitors** to WA
- a parent volunteering in the same activity in which their child participates, or ordinarily participates, refer to [Factsheet CRW03 – Exemptions, the parent volunteer exemption](#)
- police officers performing functions as a member of the WA Police

- one-off national events or national tours, refer to [Factsheet CRW02 – Exemptions, one-off national events and national tours.](#)

Definitions of **bold** terms can be found in the Working with Children Check glossary at www.workingwithchildren.wa.gov.au