



A religious organisation is seen as an organisation whose primary purpose is the promotion of a religious ethos or set of religious ideas.

### 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:

- religious leaders including Ministers of religion, Rabbis, Priests, Acolytes, Imams and others where the usual duties of these leaders involve contact with children
- Special Ministers/Extraordinary Ministers who administer communion to children as part of the general congregation
- paid youth leaders who provide religious services for youth attending a local church or mosque
- people who volunteer their services for religious instruction (i.e., Sunday school), church youth activities or children's religious story telling
- chaplaincy services provided to people, including children, in the religious community
- adult high school **students** who assist in extra-curricular religious activities involving contact with a child as part of their usual duties.

### 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](#)
- 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](http://www.workingwithchildren.wa.gov.au)