

# Factsheet CAT13

## Categories of child-related work

### 13: a ward of a public or private hospital



A ward of a public or private hospital in which children are ordinarily patients includes all wards at the Perth Children's Hospital (PCH) and certain wards (including mental health wards) of other hospitals where adolescent children are ordinarily on wards with adults.

Emergency Departments, operating theatres, and some day surgery facilities, in which children are ordinarily patients, are also considered to be 'wards' in public hospitals for the purposes of the *Working with Children (Screening) Act 2004*.

### 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:

- medical and paramedical staff working on a hospital ward where children are ordinarily patients
- hospital orderlies, cleaners and catering staff who are employed on wards of hospitals in which children are ordinarily patients and who have contact with children as part of their usual duties
- general practitioners or pediatricians visiting a ward where children are ordinarily patients
- health professionals providing pathology services, medical imaging/ sonograph services and dentistry services, for example, to children on a ward where children are ordinarily patients
- **volunteers** for visitor schemes having contact with children on a ward where children are 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](#).

For frequently asked questions relating to this category, please refer to [Factsheet ORG06 – Working with Children Checks, health sector](#).

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)