GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Working with Children Check

Factsheet CAT05
Categories of child-related work
5: an arrangement for the accommodation or care of children

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An arrangement for the accommodation or care of children, whether in a residential facility or private residence, but not including an **informal arrangement** made by a **parent** of the child concerned or accommodation/care provided by a **relative** of the **child**.

Overnight events that are housed in a permanent facility, such as school boarding houses or hostels may fall into this category.

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. The examples provided may also be subject to exemptions.

Roles include:

- people whose usual duties involve contact with children at school boarding facilities for school aged children
- refuge workers and others whose usual duties involve contact with children at youth refuges providing crisis or emergency accommodation
- people providing ‘out of home’ respite day or residential care services or ‘in-home’ respite care services for children
- people who provide ‘home stay’ or billeting accommodation for children, including adult household members who have a role with the child billeting, for example driving the child to activities

- adult high school students who assist in extra-curricular activities specifically for children under a formal arrangement in boarding schools or other residential facilities.

Exemptions

The following exemptions apply to this category:

- work carried out in residential facilities connected to, or predominantly used by students of, a university or other tertiary institutions'
- child volunteers under 18 years of age
- unpaid **students** on placement under 18 years of age
- **short-term visitors** to Western Australia (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