GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Working with Children Check

Factsheet CAT08
Categories of child-related work
8: a detention centre

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A detention centre**,** as defined in the *Young Offenders Act 1994* section 3. This category includes Banksia Hill Detention Centre and Unit 18 at Casuarina Prison (Unit 18), referred to as youth detention centres for the purposes of this factsheet.

People who provide counselling/support to children navigating the justice system would be considered to be in child-related work under category 10: a counselling or other support service.

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:

- group workers at the youth detention centre
- teachers, counsellors, medical officers and others who provide services to young people at the youth detention centre (whether employed by the detention centre or not)
- legal aid officers who see the young people at the detention centre
- gardeners, cleaners and cooks who are employed at the youth detention centre, and students on placement who are aged 18 years and over, who do their work while children are likely to be present and have contact with a child as part of their usual duties.

Exemptions

The following exemptions apply to this category:

- child **volunteers** under 18 years of age
- unpaid **students** on placement under 18 years of age
- **short-term visitors** to Western Australia (WA)
- police officers performing functions as a member of the WA Police.

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