GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Working with Children Check

Factsheet CAT15
Categories of child-related work
15: an overnight camp

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An overnight camp regardless of the type of accommodation or how many children are involved. This category captures a range of overnight camps with accommodation of a temporary nature, such as tents, camp sites, dormitories or hotels and motels.

An adult who is participating in a camp alongside their **child**, such as a father/daughter school camp, and does not take on a role in the camp, is not considered to be in child-related work.

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:

- self-employed people, paid employees or **volunteers**, including **parent** volunteers, who work (such as supervising children and activities) on an overnight camp like those arranged by schools, religious organisations or clubs
- those working at the camp who do not stay overnight themselves, who have contact with children as part of their usual duties at the camp
- caretakers and kitchen staff of campsites who have contact with children as part of their usual duties at the camp

- people carrying out child-related work on a trip to another state or overseas, where the employees/volunteers leave with the children from Western Australia (WA) and/or return with the children to WA.

Exemptions

Please note, there is no parent volunteer exemption for this category. The following exemptions apply:

- child volunteers under 18 years of age
- unpaid **students** on placement under 18 years of age
- **short-term visitors** to WA
- one-off national events or national tours, refer to Factsheet CRW02: Exemptions, One-off national events and national tours
- police officers performing functions as a member of the WA Police.

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