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Working With Children/Vulnerable People Check

Working as a Homeopath typically involves working with children, including physical examinations, face-to-face consultations or consultations via telephone/email. As such, there are legislative requirements to ensure the safety of children who come into your practice. These requirements do vary from state to state, so ensure you understand the legislative requirements for your state where you intend to practice.

Each state applies differing charges and processes to be undertaken for this check. Please see the table on the following page for links through to the appropriate authority for each State.

From the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission [website](#):

In Australia, people who work or volunteer with children are screened for suitability. As part of this screening process, nominated state agencies examine an applicant's police information including criminal charges, offences, findings of guilt and professional conduct reports across the applicant's lifetime.

The screening process also considers the relevant state or territory legislation, which differs in terms of:

- the type of history that may prevent a person from obtaining registration or a Working with Children Card (WWCC)
- how long the registration is valid for
- who is required to be registered.

If an applicant passes the screening processes they may be registered to work with children and/or vulnerable people for a set period of time according to the state or territory that issues the registration.

If you or the applicant you are conducting a check for will be working with children or vulnerable groups, you will need to determine if a working with children and/or working with vulnerable people check is required to be conducted by the relevant screening unit.

State/Territory	Requirement	Name of Check	Valid For	Body Governing	Website
Qld	Yes, if your health service is primarily with children, or you physically contact children in your practice, or you treat children when no one else is present Registered Health practitioners under Health Regulation Act do not require a Blue Card	Blue Card	3yrs	Department of Justice & Attorney-General	Link
NSW	Yes	Working with Children Check	5yrs	Office of the Children's Guardian	Link
Vic	Yes, if direct contact with children (physical or face to face contact)	Working with Children Check	5yrs	Justice and Community Safety	Link
Tas	Yes	Registration to Work with Vulnerable People	3yrs	Department of Justice	Link
SA	Yes, from 1 July 2020 a police check is no longer valid for Working With Children	Working with Children Check	5yrs	Department for Communities and Social Inclusion	Link
WA	Yes	Working with Children Check	3yrs	Department of Communities	Link
NT	Yes	Working with Children Clearance, Ochre Card	2yrs	NT Police	Link

ACT	Yes	Working with Vulnerable People	3yrs	Access Canberra	Link
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