

Athletics South Australia Working with Children Check Requirements

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As per the [Athletics South Australia Member Protection Policy](#), individuals including coaches, officials, committee members, team managers and volunteers bound by this policy must:

5.3 consent to the screening requirements set out in this policy including a national police check, and any state/territory Working with Children Checks if the person holds or applies for a role that involves regular unsupervised contact with a child or young person under the age of 18 or where otherwise required by law.

Everyone who volunteers or works with children must have a valid child-related check, by law, from 1 July 2019. It's about helping to create a safer environment for them. Athletics SA will be initiating and managing the records for individuals who work or volunteer directly for Athletics SA such as Staff, Officials and Team Managers.

Screening in South Australia is an organisation-led process and as such Athletics SA affiliated clubs will be responsible for initiating and managing their own records for their Committees, Volunteers, Coaches etc. As part of the 2019-2020 Affiliation Agreements you will be required to supply the Working with Children Check reference number and issue date for committee members who meet the new criteria for individuals requiring the checks under the new laws. You can register your club/organisation via the Screening Unit website <https://www.dcsiscreening.sa.gov.au/OrgRegistration>

After 1 July 2019, individuals can also apply for a new working with children check.

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Roles Affected

People need a working with children check if they are in a 'prescribed position'. This means people who:

- are in paid or volunteering roles where it is reasonably foreseeable that they will work with children
- run or manage a business where the employees or volunteers work with children
- are employed to provide preschool, primary or secondary education to a child.

Excluded People

You don't need a working with children check if you:

- work for SA Police or the Australian Federal Police
- employ or supervise children in a workplace, unless the work is child-related (e.g. you manage a fast food restaurant that employs people under 18)
- work in the same capacity as a child (e.g. you work at a checkout in a supermarket that also hires people under 18 in the same type of role)
- don't think you will work with children for more than seven days (consecutive or not) in a calendar year*
- are a parent or guardian volunteering with your own child (e.g. at school) and do not have close personal contact with other children, or participate in an organised overnight event (e.g. a school camp)
- live interstate, have a current child-related check from your home state, and are working at an organised event in South Australia lasting no more than 10 consecutive days
- are under the age of 14.

*The seven day exclusion does not apply if you are involved in an overnight activity (e.g. school camp), or have close contact with children with disability.

The new working with children checks are valid for five years and are continuously monitored. Individuals can continue using their current, valid DHS/DCSI child-related employment screening until it expires. When it is time to renew it, they will need to apply for a new working with children check. You can apply for a new check up to six months before the current one expires.

National Police Certificates that have been assessed by your club/organisation can still be used until 1 July 2020.

More information on the new working with children check and when to apply at screening.sa.gov.au/wwcc