



Sporting industry

This fact sheet provides information for when people working or volunteering in the sporting industry require a blue card or exemption card under the *Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000* (the Act).

Who needs a blue card?

Anyone working or volunteering with children under 18 years of age in activities regulated by the Act **must have** a blue card. This includes various activities such as sport and recreation, clubs, associations, private coaching, or health services.

An exemption may apply if a parent volunteers in an activity their child participates in, such as a mother volunteering to coach her child's netball team. However there are a number of scenarios which can apply in the sporting industry. You cannot access an exemption or volunteer within this context if you are a restricted person.

We recommend parents speak directly with the sporting club/executive body to confirm if an exemption applies to their situation before they volunteer.

Examples

The table below provides common scenarios for types of activities typically found within the sporting industry:

Type of Activity	Who must have a blue / exemption card?	Who will not require a blue card?
Churches, clubs and associations involving children*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A volunteer coach or assistant of a junior sporting team a volunteer trainer preparing nippers for a surf lifesaving competition a chaperone for a junior sports team on an interstate or international trip a volunteer member of a board/committee for a community organisation which provides regulated activities for children such as a president, treasurer or secretary member. a referee or umpire engaged to regularly adjudicate at junior games. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A volunteer parent coaching at the club their child attends. You should check with the club before applying. A canteen operator at the sports ground where junior sports are played a team member over the age of 18 in a mixed aged team a coach for an over 18 team which includes a person under the age of 18. a person under the age of 18 volunteering as a coach or acting as an official.
Private, teaching, coaching or tutoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A business operator providing private coaching services to children or targeted child-related sports activities, such as learn to swim school or a martial arts centre which trains junior martial artists to compete at junior championships. An instructor or coach regularly providing one-on-one lessons to a child. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A relative providing tutoring for a family member an employee of an education provider teaching a fitness course.
Sport and active recreation*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A volunteer supporting athletes at a junior swimming meet. a personal trainer who is engaged by a parent to provide one-on-one personal training sessions to their child. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An employee of a surf school providing services to the general public and a child attends with a parent. A personal trainer running boot camp classes for the general public which includes children and adults.

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Health, counselling and support services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An employee of a private ambulance service regularly engaged to attend junior sporting events.• A remedial massage therapist providing massage services to children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A mentor for a coach of a junior sporting organisation and your role is focused on the professional development of the head coach and your duties <u>do not</u> involve contact with children.• A registered health practitioner providing health services to athletes under the age of 18, such as a physiotherapist treating a junior athlete.
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*There is an **exemption for volunteer parents** that may apply if you are not a restricted person. Read more about your rights and obligations at www.qld.gov.au/bluecardindividuals

How do I apply for a blue card?

You can learn how to apply for a blue card by visiting www.qld.gov.au/applybluecard.

What if I run a business?

Your employees and volunteers **must** have a blue card **before** they can commence regulated child-related work.

Business owners and employers **must** develop and implement child and youth risk management strategies to comply with their legislative requirements.

For more information, visit www.qld.gov.au/bluecardriskmanagement.



Need more information?

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