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# Volunteer blue card application form

The *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* requires anyone over 18 seeking to work with children under 18 years of age in certain categories of regulated employment to obtain a blue card.

## How to fill out this application form

To avoid delays in processing this application please print clearly using BLOCK LETTERS and ensure:

- the organisation/volunteer co-ordinator completes **Parts A, C and D**
- the volunteer completes **Part B**
- you indicate with a tick where required.

**Applications for volunteers are processed free of charge.**

**Volunteers must hold a valid blue card before they commence child-related employment regulated by the Act.**

**Note:** It is an offence for a volunteer to provide false or misleading information to the Commission or to sign an application for a blue card if they are a disqualified person<sup>#</sup> (see page 4).

## PART A Organisation's details (this section must be completed by the organisation/volunteer co-ordinator)

<p><b>1 Name of organisation</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <p>Organisation ID number (please insert the Commission's reference number for your organisation if known)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div>	<p><b>6 Type of child-related employment for which a blue card is sought (please tick appropriate box)</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> residential facilities</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> schools (other than registered teachers)*</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> school boarding houses</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> child care<sup>o</sup></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> churches, clubs and associations<sup>◆</sup></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> health, counselling and support services</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> private teaching, coaching or tutoring</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> education programs outside of school</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> child accommodation including homestays</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> religious representatives</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sport and active recreation<sup>♣</sup></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> emergency services cadet program</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> school crossing supervisors</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> volunteer of a licensed care service</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> volunteer working for a business providing services at a licensed care service</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> local government</p>
<p><b>2 Postal address of organisation</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <p style="text-align: right;">Postcode</p>	<p><b>Note:</b> Exemptions apply in certain circumstances, eg. a parent is exempt if they provide services:</p> <p>* at the school their child attends</p> <p><sup>o</sup> at a centre where their child regularly receives child care</p> <p><sup>◆</sup> within a church, club or association which are the same or similar to those received by their child</p> <p><sup>♣</sup> as part of sport or active recreation involving their child</p> <p>From 1 July 2010, police officers and registered teachers do not require a blue card and should apply for an exemption notice.</p>
<p><b>3 Contact person</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div>	
<p><b>4 Contact person's position</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div>	
<p><b>5 Phone</b> <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/></p> <p><b>Email</b> <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/></p> <p><b>Fax</b> <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/></p>	
<p><b>Additional Information</b> The word "organisation" is taken to mean "employer" for the purposes of complying with the Act.</p>	

Applicant's Name

## PART B Volunteer's details

(this section must be completed by the volunteer)

7 Have you ever applied for or held a blue card?

Yes  No

Blue card No. (if known)

8 Your title Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms

Other

9 Name you presently use

Family Name

First Name

Middle Name

I do not have a middle name (please tick)

10 Do you currently use an abbreviation/nickname/alias for your first name? eg. Elizabeth abbreviation Betty

Name/s

11 Have you been known by any other name/s? eg. name at birth, maiden name, name before marriage, married name, alias, change by certificate/deedpoll, changed the order of your name

**Note:** It does not matter how long ago you changed your name or how long you used another name for.

(Please tick) No  Go to question 12

Yes  give details below:

If you require more space, please tick this box  and attach a separate list

Family Name

First Name

Middle Name

Reason for change

12 Gender

Male  Female

13 Date of birth

/  /   
DAY MONTH YEAR

14 Place of birth

Town/city

State

Country

15 Current postal address

(Note: your postal address must be in Australia)

Postcode

16 Current residential address

Please tick if same as postal address

Postcode

17 Your telephone numbers

Daytime

Mobile

18 Do you identify as? (please tick)

Aboriginal  Torres Strait Islander

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

Australian South Sea Islander

19 What language do you mainly speak at home?

### 20 Volunteer's declaration

I declare:

- I am the applicant named in this form and have not omitted any names or aliases that I use or have used in the past;
- The information and identification documents provided by me for this application are true and correct and I understand it is an offence to provide false or misleading information;
- I have read the contents of this form including the information on page 4;
- I consent to the Commission obtaining any information from any police, court, prosecuting authority or other authorised agency and for the police, courts, prosecuting authority or other authorised agency to disclose any information, for the purposes of assessing my eligibility to work with children including ongoing checks while my application/blue card remains current;
- I understand that the information obtained includes but is not limited to details of convictions<sup>^</sup> and pending or non conviction charges\* or information on the circumstances relating to offences committed or allegedly committed by me, regardless of when and where the offence or alleged offence occurred;
- I am proposing to start or continue in regulated employment and am not entitled to an exemption;
- I am aware of my blue card obligations as a blue card applicant/cardholder;
- I am not a disqualified person# (page 4); and
- I consent to the Commission publishing/providing confirmation on whether or not my blue card is valid.

**Do not sign outside the box as your signature will be scanned onto your card.**

Date of signature  /  /   
DAY MONTH YEAR

Applicant's Name

**PART C Proof of identity declaration**  
(this section must be completed by  
the organisation/volunteer co-ordinator)

The organisation/volunteer co-ordinator is responsible for sighting the volunteer's identification documents.

**Identification requirements**

The volunteer must produce two original identification documents to confirm their identity. Together the documents must show:

- full name
- date of birth
- signature

The organisation/volunteer co-ordinator must certify in **Part D** that the details provided on the application form are the same as those appearing on the documents sighted.

**One of the following combinations must be used:**

**EITHER**

List 1 + List 2

One original document from List 1 and one original document from List 2 which together show the volunteer's **full name, date of birth and signature.**

**OR**

List 1 + List 1

Two original documents from List 1 which together show the volunteer's **full name, date of birth and signature.**

Where the volunteer resides more than 50km from the organisation's business address or has a disability that affects his or her mobility, a prescribed person can sight their identification. If this applies, please complete the 'Identification verification by a prescribed person' form and submit it with this application.

A prescribed person is a Justice of the Peace, Commissioner for Declarations, Lawyer or Police Officer.

**Irrespective of whether or not the organisation/volunteer co-ordinator can sight the identification documents, they must complete Part D.**

All identification documents sighted must be originals (photocopies are not acceptable).

Where any document is in a former name, an original official document (eg. marriage certificate or change of name certificate) showing the change of name must be sighted.

**Note:** If you cannot provide an identification document from either List 1 or List 2 please contact the Commission on **07 3211 6999 or 1800 113 611.**

**If possible, please attach a photocopy of documents sighted to this application form for verification purposes.**

**Please indicate which identification documents have been sighted by placing a  in the box.**

**21 LIST 1**

**Signature Document**

- Current driver licence/learner's permit/  
proof of age card (with photo)

**Document No:**

**Issued in the state of:**

- Current passport (with photo)

**Passport No:**

**Non-Signature Document**

- Birth certificate (or extract)

**Reference No:**

- Proof of Australian citizenship or permanent  
residency

**Reference No:**

**22 LIST 2**

**Signature Document**

- Current Pension Concession Card/Dept of  
Veterans' Affairs Entitlement Card/Senior's  
Health Card /Health Care Card/any other current  
financial entitlement card issued by Centrelink.

- Current Credit Card or account card from a  
bank/building society/credit union  
(with name and signature)

- Current Positive Notice Blue Card  
(issued by the Commission)

- Current student identification card issued by  
a tertiary education institution or school  
(with photo and signature)

- Current Qld Gaming Machine Licence

- Current Qld Licence issued under the Weapons Act

**Non-Signature Document**

- Current Medicare card

- Current Qld crowd controller/private  
investigator/security officer licence

- Passbook or account statement issued by a  
bank/building society/credit union dated in the  
last 6 months

- Australian taxation assessment notice dated in  
the last 6 months

Applicant's Name

**PART D Declaration by organisation/  
volunteer co-ordinator**  
(to be completed by the organisation/  
volunteer co-ordinator)

It is an offence to provide false or misleading information to the Commission.

I declare that:

- I am authorised to submit this application on behalf of the organisation; and
- the volunteer is proposing to start or continue in regulated employment and an exemption does not apply; and
- I have warned the volunteer that it is an offence for a disqualified person to sign a blue card application; and
- I have either:
  - checked the details provided in this form and confirmed they match those on the identification documents sighted;

**OR**

- delegated this responsibility to a prescribed person because the blue card holder/applicant resides more than 50km from the employer/organisation's business address or has a disability that affects his or her mobility and have attached the 'Identification verification by a prescribed person form'.

**Note:** It is an offence not to warn the applicant that it is an offence for a disqualified person to sign a blue card application.

Full Name

Signature

Position

Date

DAY MONTH YEAR

**Privacy notice**

The *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* allows the collection of personal information to assess your eligibility to be issued with a blue card.

Information will be provided to Queensland Police, and may be provided to interstate or federal police, courts, prosecuting authorities or other authorised agencies to conduct criminal history checks. Information may also be given to:

- certain disciplinary bodies to obtain relevant disciplinary information; and/or
- your employer, any supervisory body, or other person you have authorised to discuss your application on your behalf.

Personal information will only be provided to other persons or agencies where required by law.

**Important information**

You can withdraw your consent to screening at any time before a decision is made.

**#Disqualified people**

**It is an offence for a disqualified person to sign a blue card application form.**

A disqualified person is someone who:

- has been convicted<sup>^</sup> of a disqualifying offence. This may include a child-related sex or pornography offence or the murder of a child (irrespective of the penalty and regardless of when and where it occurred);

**OR**

- is the subject of:
  - reporting obligations under the *Child Protection (Offender Reporting) Act 2004*
  - an offender prohibition order under the *Child Protection (Offender Prohibition Order) Act 2008*
  - a disqualification order issued by a court prohibiting them from applying for or holding a blue card
  - a sexual offender order under the *Dangerous Prisoners (Sexual Offenders) Act 2003*.

A disqualified person can apply to the Commission to be declared eligible to apply for a blue card in certain limited circumstances.

\*Non conviction charge means, whether a person was charged as an adult or a child, a charge: that has been withdrawn; that has been the subject of a nolle prosequi, a no true bill or a submission of no evidence to offer, that led to a conviction that was quashed on appeal, or upon which a person was acquitted or disposed of by a court otherwise than by way of conviction.

<sup>^</sup>Conviction/convicted means a finding of guilt by a court, or the acceptance of a plea of guilty by a court, whether or not a conviction is recorded and regardless of when and where it occurred.

For more about blue card information and obligations go to [www.bluecard.qld.gov.au](http://www.bluecard.qld.gov.au)

**Please mail this completed form to:**

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PO Box 3747  
South Brisbane Qld 4101

**Phone: 3846 8000**  
**Fax: 3846 8008**

Applicant's Name