



Fact Sheet

Who needs a Working With Children Check?

A Working With Children Check is only **required** for Workers in Child Related Work. Child-Related Work is defined as:

- Work which involves (paid or unpaid) face-to-face contact with Children (under the age of 18) in a child-related sector or in a child-related role.

The Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office, in conjunction with the Parish Support and Development Team, has identified the following persons that require a Working With Children Check. This list is not exhaustive:

- Priests in parishes (including Parish Priests, Assistant Priests, Parish Administrators)
- Deacons
- Seminarians
- Parish Secretaries
- Youth Ministers, Workers or Leaders
- Pastoral Associates
- Sacramental Coordinators
- Sacramental Group Leaders
- Catechists in State Schools
- Children's Liturgy Coordinators
- Children's Choir Ministry Leaders
- Acolytes and Senior Altar Servers
- Ministers of the Altar
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Ministers of the Word
- Parish Collectors
- Ministers to the Homebound
- Readers
- Other roles as deemed necessary

Some people may play multiple roles within a parish. If any of those roles, whether paid or unpaid, involve Child-Related Work, then these Workers will need to obtain a Working With Children Check which will then be verified by the Parish Priest.

Priests, Chaplains, Sisters or Brothers belonging to an Order or Congregation in the parish who are involved in Child-Related Work on behalf of the parish, must have a Working With Children Check that has been verified by the Parish Priest. The Parish Priest is responsible for verifying the Working With Children Check of all those working or ministering within the parish (paid or unpaid).

For more information:

Please contact the Safeguarding Office by email: safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org or by phone on 9390 5811.