

Working with Children Check

NSW Government legislation requires all those participating in work related to children to undergo a *Working with Children Check* (WWCC) to ensure the safety of all children involved. Whether paid or unpaid, supervised or unsupervised a *Working with Children Check* is a prerequisite to be completed if you are working in an area involving children – including sport.

- If you are starting in a role working with children – either paid or as a volunteer – you must obtain a WWCC clearance before you commence.
- If you are already in a position that involves working with children – paid or volunteer – the government has scheduled a phase-in period for the various industry groups. In sport, you must complete a WWCC by 31 March 2016.
- Not all volunteers are required to obtain a WWCC, in fact the majority of parents are not obligated. For example, a parent or close relative volunteering with a team, program or other activity in which the child usually participates or is a team member – except where the work is part of a formal mentoring program or involves personal care of children with a disability – is not required to obtain a WWCC.
- Some work is not considered to be child-related, which means it will not require a WWCC. This work is set out in *Part 2 of the Child Protection (Working With Children) Regulation 2013 Clause 7 (3): Work as a referee, umpire, linesperson or otherwise as a sporting official or a groundsperson is not child-related work, if the work does not ordinarily involve contact with children for extended periods without other adults being present.*

It is the policy of Boxing Australia (NSW) that all officials, coaches and administrators involved in any way with boxers under the age of 18 years, should obtain a WWCC as soon as possible.

Application to obtain a *Working With Children Check* can be made on-line. The website can be found at <http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/Working-with-children/working-with-children-check> where you can follow the link to apply for a check. There you will enter your personal details and take a quiz on working with children.

Once you have applied and passed the quiz, you will be sent a receipt by email verifying that you have applied and completed the check. Once this is done the receipt must be taken to your local RTA and your check will be completed. If you are in paid work you will also be required to pay \$80 for a 5 year clearance; there is no cost for volunteers.

The check itself involves a National Criminal background check looking current or past criminal charges, current or past convictions and juvenile records. Your results may take up to 4 weeks to be processed and sent to you by email or mail. This may take longer if there are any background checks requiring further investigation. There are only two possible results a *Clearance* or *Bar*. Once you are cleared and ready to work you or your employer can check your results online using your Application number (APP).

For more information go to www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au
