

# Child Protection Requirements for ITF Volunteer Visitors in Australian Schools (As at 19 May 2017)

It is a requirement that all ITF volunteers be under supervision at all times while in visiting a school.

State/ Territory	Government schools	Catholic schools	Independent schools
NSW	<p>For government schools, a Working with Children Check or a Declaration-Appendix 5 is <u>not required for visiting guest speakers under teacher supervision at all times</u>. They register at front desk and show ID for eCPC screening to confirm that they are not a person banned from being in a NSW school.</p> <p>See this <a href="#">document</a> prepared by ITF staff which includes confirmation provided by NSW DET Probity team. (Probity Human Resources 9836 9290 )</p>	<p>The Catholic Education Commission recommends all visitors get a WWCC certificate (Volunteering) which is free of charge.</p> <p><a href="https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check/apply">https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check/apply</a></p> <p>Ask the teacher who contacts you to confirm what is required.</p>	<p>Each school has own policy/procedures</p> <p>Ask the teacher who contacts you to confirm what is required.</p>
VIC	<p>ITF visitors under supervision of a teacher do not need a Volunteer check <u>before August 1<sup>st</sup> 2017</u>. After that time, they will need to have one by following these steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fill in the application form and verify your identity online</li> <li>2. Check the email that will be sent to you with instructions on how to finalise your application at Australia Post</li> <li>3. At Australia Post your photo will be taken at no charge</li> <li>4. Approval number should be emailed to you by the next day</li> <li>5. No fee is required for a Volunteer check</li> </ol>	<p>Ask the teacher who contacts you to confirm what is required.</p> <p>A volunteer check is most likely needed. See steps listed at left.</p>	<p>Ask the teacher who contacts you to confirm what is required.</p> <p>A volunteer check is most likely needed. See steps listed at left.</p>
SA	<p>Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) states that screening is <u>not required to:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- attend one-off events such as sports days, working bees, swimming week and whole-of-school events</li> <li>- attend excursions</li> <li>- <u>visit a school</u>, preschool or early childhood service</li> <li>- provide workplace experience to high school students.</li> </ul>	<p>DECD states that child protection policies and guidelines apply to all schools in South Australia including government, Catholic and independent.</p>	<p>DECD states that child protection policies and guidelines apply to all schools in South Australia including government, Catholic and independent.</p>

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WA	<p>ITF volunteers do not need a WWC card for their first visit to a school but they will require one if they believe they will invited to other schools in the future. It is therefore recommended that they commence application for a WWC prior to their first visit as per the following steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Obtain an application form from a WA Post Office <a href="#">Click here to find an authorised Australia Post outlet near you.</a></li> <li>2. Ask someone at the first school they visit to sign their completed application form.</li> <li>3. Submit the application according to guidelines.</li> </ol> <p>Current fee to obtain a volunteer WWC Check is \$11.00</p> <p>For application process info, visit the following website: <a href="https://workingwithchildren.wa.gov.au/applicants-card-holders/applying-for-a-wwc-check/application-process">https://workingwithchildren.wa.gov.au/applicants-card-holders/applying-for-a-wwc-check/application-process</a></p>	<p>The same process (at left) applies to all schools in Western Australia including Catholic and independent.</p> <p>Ask the teacher who contacts you to confirm what is required.</p>	<p>The same process (at left) applies to all schools in Western Australia including Catholic and independent.</p> <p>Ask the teacher who contacts you to confirm what is required.</p>
QLD	<p>You will <b>not</b> need a blue card if you are a Volunteer guest of a school and are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• observing or supplying information or entertainment to ten or more people, and</li> <li>• the activity is for ten days or less on no more than two occasions per year, and</li> <li>• the person is unlikely to be alone with a child without another adult present,</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.bluecard.qld.gov.au/faqs/Do-I-need-a-bluecard/Guest-speakers.html">https://www.bluecard.qld.gov.au/faqs/Do-I-need-a-bluecard/Guest-speakers.html</a> (07) 3211 6999</p>	<p>The same process (at left) applies to all schools in Queensland including Catholic and independent.</p> <p>Ask the teacher who contacts you to confirm what is required.</p>	<p>The same process (at left) applies to all schools in Queensland including Catholic and independent.</p> <p>Ask the teacher who contacts you to confirm what is required.</p>

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NT	<p>SafeNT said most, if not all NT schools would require ITF volunteers to hold an Ochre Card. Ask the teacher who contacts you to confirm what is required.</p> <p>An Ochre Card is obtainable online through SafeNT (NT Police) for a fee of \$57 (Takes a minimum of 1 week) <a href="https://forms.pfes.nt.gov.au/safent/Apply.aspx?App=WC">https://forms.pfes.nt.gov.au/safent/Apply.aspx?App=WC</a> There is a \$5 option that requires a school Principal to sign a downloadable form prior to the visit.</p> <p>For further clarification or information call: (08) 89858985</p>	<p>SafeNT said most, if not all NT schools would require ITF volunteers to hold an Ochre Card.</p> <p>Ask the teacher who contacts you to confirm what is required.</p> <p>(See info at left)</p>	<p>SafeNT said most, if not all NT schools would require ITF volunteers to hold an Ochre Card.</p> <p>Ask the teacher who contacts you to confirm what is required.</p> <p>(See info at left)</p>
ACT	<p>Access Canberra (132281) said that ITF volunteers <u>don't need to register</u> for a working with vulnerable children Card if they are <u>undertaking regulated activities in the ACT on no more than three days in any 28 day period</u> and up to a maximum of seven days in any twelve month period.</p>	<p>(See info at left)</p> <p>Ask the teacher who contacts you to confirm what is required.</p>	<p>(See info at left)</p> <p>Ask the teacher who contacts you to confirm what is required.</p>
TAS	<p>ITF Volunteers do not need to apply for a Working with Children Registration if they have incidental contact with children. (No more than 7 school visits per year) Should registration be required (because of more frequent visiting) the ITF volunteer must apply on-line at the following website and pay \$18.36 <a href="http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children/application">http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children/application</a> The registration is valid for three years.</p>	<p>(See info at left)</p> <p>Ask the teacher who contacts you to confirm what is required.</p>	<p>(See info at left)</p> <p>Ask the teacher who contacts you to confirm what is required.</p>