

NEW WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK REFORMS

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Late last year, the NSW State Government broadcasted that there will be changes to the Working With Children Check which will begin in early 2013. This was delayed and now will be in effect from June 15, 2013. An update can be found below. For more information on the working with children check reforms, please click [here](#)

Under the new check:

- Workers and volunteers will apply for their own Check once every five years
- Employers will verify a child-related worker's or volunteer's clearance number
- The same Working With Children Check will apply to everyone – paid workers, self-employed people and volunteers
- Everyone with a clearance will be continuously monitored for serious sex or violence offences.
- There can only be two results for a new Working With Children Check – a clearance or a bar. People with a bar may not work or volunteer in child-related roles.

Easy to access: Online applications, online verifications, online employer registration (no online forms will be available until 15 June 2013).

Cost: The new check will be free for volunteers and cost \$80 for paid workers and self-employed people. A volunteer Check cannot be used for paid work with children.

Information sessions: One-hour information sessions are held regularly at the Commission for Children and Young People's office in Surry Hills and throughout suburban Sydney and regional NSW. Find an information session near you.

Email your enquiries about the new Working With Children Check to tonewcheck@kids.nsw.gov.au or call 02 9286 7276.

Find out more: <http://kids.nsw.gov.au/kids/working/newcheck#ixzz2U0A1aG6f>
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