



Blue Card Check – New Laws

Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian have recently introduced new laws about the blue card and which will disqualify certain people upfront from applying for a blue card.

While the Working with Children Check remains the same, the changes will affect your blue card obligations and those of your paid employees and volunteers engaged in child-related activities. To assist you, go to the following website: www.bluecard.qld.gov.au.

Under the new laws it is an offence for a 'disqualified person' to apply for a blue card so if your paid employees or volunteers are applying for the first time, or are renewing their card, you are now required to provide applicants with a warning to this effect and sign a declaration on the application form that this warning has been given.

The blue card application forms have been updated and you will need to discard any old application forms. New forms and the related schedule of fees will be available on the Commission's website or by calling the Blue Card Contact Centre.

From **2 June 2008**, only applications submitted on the new application forms will be processed.

To assist you in explaining these new laws to your staff an ***Obligations for Applicants/Cardholders Information Sheet*** and frequently asked questions can be accessed by visiting www.bluecard.qld.gov.au or by calling the **Blue Card Contact Centre, Monday to Friday** between **8.00am to 5.00pm** on **1800 113 611** or **3247 5145**.