

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS—ACT WORKING WITH VULNERABLE PEOPLE CHECK

ACT WORKING WITH VULNERABLE PEOPLE CHECK (WWVP)

Q1. Is there a minimum age for being required to complete a WWVP Registration?

Yes, those who are under 16 years of age are exempt from completing a WWVP.

Q2. Do people visiting our parish from another state need to have an ACT WWVP Registration?

There are some provisions for exemption for people coming from another state into our parishes.

A person does not need a WWVP Registration if:

- They are registered under another state's law and the activity is of a similar nature to the activity the person is allowed to engage in under the other state's law; and the person is engaged in the activity for no more than 28 days in any 12-month period
- they are a visiting speaker, performer or other similar visitor to your parish involving Vulnerable People

Q3. Is it necessary for people to keep their WWVP Registration with them?

Yes, they are required under the Regulation to have their Registration Card with them whenever they are engaging in the activity for which they need a WWVP Registration.

Q4. Where people are involved in a child-related ministry such as Mainly Music, are they required to complete a WWVP Registration if they prepare and serve food, such as morning tea to parents and children?

Morning teas and such would not be Vulnerable People activities, rather activities where children are present. If this is the only role people are undertaking, they will not require a WWVP Registration.

Q5. Do people need a WWVP Registration where they are occasional helpers in a homework club or breakfast club with mainly the same group of children?

Yes, they will need to have a WWVP Registration.

Q6. If a person has applied for a WWVP Registration, but they have not yet received it, are they able to start in a ministry role?

A person may undertake ministry in a role if they are waiting for their Registration, if the Rector/Priest-in-Charge agrees to it **and** if they are supervised at all times.

Q7. Do I have to wait until the 8th November 2013 to apply for my WWVP Registration?

The roll-out of the WWVP Registration system has been scheduled to take place over 6 years. Most people in a church ministry role involving Vulnerable People, are scheduled to commence applying from the 8th November 2013.

Even though there is no mechanism to stop people from applying before that date, ORS personnel have encouraged people to wait until their scheduled time, so that the system is not "jammed", making it difficult for those who need to complete it before 8th November 2013, to do so.

Q8. Who in the church needs to complete the WWVP Registration before the 8th November 2013?

Those who are involved in overnight camps for children and young people are required to complete the WWVP Registration before the 8th November 2013.

Q9. If I am involved in ministry to children as well as pastoral visiting in an Aged Care Facility, will the WWVP cover both?

No, the WWVP does not cover pastoral visiting in an Aged Care Facility. You will need to complete a WWVP Registration for ministry to children and an AFP Background Check for the Aged Care Pastoral ministry.

Q10. Do I also need to get a NSW check if I am ministering in NSW for more than 30 calendar days in a year?

Yes, you will need to complete both the ACT and NSW requirement.

Q11. How can I find out if my ministry will require a WWVP Registration?

In general, any ministry having direct contact with Vulnerable People will require a WWVP Registration. However, if you are unsure, please email a description of your ministry and your type of contact with Vulnerable People to Celia Irving at celia.irving@anglicancg.org.au and she will respond to your enquiry.