

2015 will see the introduction of the new Working with Children regulations which will require all people over the age of 18, in paid or unpaid work (Including volunteers) to apply for a Working with Children Check Number.

The legislation currently allows for some exemptions in relation to these checks which are particularly relevant to Clubs and Sporting Bodies.

The following people covered by these exemptions are not required to have a Working with Children Check.

- **Volunteering by a parent or close relative** (except where the work is part of a formal mentoring program or involves intimate, personal care of children with a disability):
  - with the child's school, early education centre or other educational institution
  - with a team, program or other activity in which the child usually participates or is a team member

All other persons operating in an **official capacity** with the club will be required to obtain a Working with Children Check, including all Committee members, Coaches and/or Managers associated with teams that have members under the age of 18 in which their children do not participate, any Canteen Staff over the age of 18 and any other role associated with the club that does not fall into the above exemption.

While it appears that at this stage the new legislation will not affect to the majority of our Coaches and Managers, we strongly recommend that if you are intending to coach or manager a team, that you carry out the check as this may become a compulsory requirement of the FFA or CCF in the future.

**The check is FREE for all volunteers** and lasts for 5 years, applications are done on line (takes about 3 minutes), you then just go to the RTA to confirm your identity.

The below links are to the information pages and application:

<http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/Working-with-children/Working-With-Children-Check>

<https://wwccheck.cyp.nsw.gov.au/Applicants/Application>