

## Blue Card System – Information Sheet

# Exemption cards for police officers

Police officers with the Queensland Police Service do not require an exemption card when providing child-related regulated services as part of their professional duties.

They may require an exemption card if providing other child-related regulated services and will need to apply through the organisation where they are undertaking this work.

## When do I need an exemption card?

Police officers may require an exemption card when providing child-related regulated services which fall outside their professional duties. This may include activities such as volunteering at a children's sporting club or community group or providing foster or kinship care.

You will need to apply for an exemption card through the organisation where you will be undertaking this work e.g. if you are a children's sporting coach, apply for an exemption card through your sporting club, do not apply for an exemption card through the Queensland Police Service.

Once an application for an exemption card is received, Blue Card Services will liaise with the Queensland Police Service (QPS) to confirm the applicant's current status as a police officer and whether further employment screening is required.

An exemption card will be granted unless the person has a criminal history that requires a further assessment of their eligibility.

## Important things to know about exemption cards

- There is no fee to apply for an exemption card and the card will be valid for as long as the holder is a police officer with the QPS.
- Police officers can commence child-related regulated work outside of their professional duties once an *Exemption card (E) application* form has been lodged or the organisation has informed Blue Card Services that they have employed an existing exemption card holder by lodging a *Link an applicant/cardholder to this organisation* form.
- If a police officer already holds a blue card, they can continue to use it until it expires. Once it expires and if the police officer is continuing in child-related regulated work outside of their professional duties, they should apply for an exemption card.
- It is the organisation's responsibility to check the person's exemption card against other identification to certify that it belongs to that person.

An organisation can check that a person's exemption card is current by using the online validation service on the Blue Card Services website.