

# Working with Children Check

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## BACKGROUND

Following discussions between the EDFL and the Umpires Association it was agreed appropriate that all umpires over the age of eighteen and coaches **actively** involved in the EDFL must obtain a Working with Children Check (WWCC).

## WWCC

The WWCC **must** be obtained by all umpires, coaches and officials over 18 years of age. Only umpires, coaches and officials who are exempt from providing a WWCC under current legislation are exempt from this requirement. However, the exemptions that will be accepted by the EDFL are limited to (along with the conditions covering the following professions in the relevant legislation):

- Current registered teachers;
- Victorian or Australian Federal police officers; and
- Some accredited drivers (e.g. taxi/commercial bus drivers).

The EDFL, as an employer and volunteer organization has a responsibility to:

- ensure that the appropriate people have undergone the WWCC by the timeline indicated below;
- a volunteer check has not been used for employment purposes;
- ensure that members who are exempt from lodging a Volunteer WWCC (due to an exemption provided by current legislation) provide **evidence** of their exemption.

The responsibility for ensuring that a member either holds a current WWCC or applicable exemption rests solely with each member.

## EVIDENCE OF WWCC

Successful application for a WWCC will be notified to the EDFL by the Department of Justice. Once formal notification is received, details of the card number and date of issue will be entered into the relevant membership database(s). If you currently hold a WWCC card could you please provide a copy to the EDFL so we can record the details.

## NEGATIVE NOTICE

Any official who is issued a **Negative Notice** will be suspended until the Negative Notice is withdrawn.

## IMPLEMENTATION TIME LINE

We would anticipate all current EDFL umpires and coaches to be approved or have applied for a WWCC prior to round one of the 2018 season.

Any umpire, coach to the EDFL or current official must hold a current valid WWCC or have applied for a WWCC within 28 days of whichever of the following occurs first:

- Member reaches 18 years of age; or
- Date application for membership as an EDFL umpire or coach is lodged; or

- Previous WWCC expiry date.

Inability to provide either the WWCC, evidence of an application for a WWCC being lodged, or an exemption as provided by current legislation by an umpire, coach or official will result in either rejection and/or suspension of his/her EDFL affiliation.

## **WWCC APPLICATION**

EDFL umpires and coaches are deemed to be Volunteers and must include the details below as part of the application.

Copies of the Application Form can be obtained from the [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au) website. All umpires, coaches and officials are to complete the Working with Children Check Application Form and include the following standard EDFL details in that request.

### **Type of Application**

**X A Volunteer** Application

### **Details of Organization/s**

**X** Do you know the specific organization/volunteer child related work for; (Select) YES

**X** Name of primary Organization:

Essendon District Football League

Level 1, 78A Napier Street,

Essendon. Victoria 3040

03 9373 2700

### **Occupational Work Codes**

**X** Select Code No. **42** ► **Clubs, associations or movements of a culture, recreational or sporting nature**

## **WWCC INFORMATION UPDATE/CHANGE**

Any official who already holds a WWCC **must** include the EDFL on their WWCC Record by complete WWCC Online Change of Details, which is located at

[www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au) - the above EDFL details are to be included.

Members who change their address should also update their WWCC Record.