Office of Regulatory Services

Working With Vulnerable People

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The *Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Act 2011* (the Act) commenced on **8 November 2012**, with individuals working or volunteering in 'Activities or Services for Children' having until 7 November 2013 to become registered.

Individuals working or volunteering with other groups of vulnerable people will need to register between years 2 and 6 of the scemes operation.

The Act aims to reduce the risk of harm or neglect to vulnerable people in the A.C.T.

The Act requires people who have contact with vulnerable people while engaging in regulated activities and services to register with the Office of Regulatory Services (ORS).

- Who is a vulnerable person?
- What are regulated activities and services?
- When do I need to register?
- What types of registration are there?
- How do I lodge my application?

For more information

- A Guide to Working with Vulnerable People in the A.C.T.
- *Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Act 2011*

Public Information Sessions

- Please check this website regularly for details of information sessions in 2013.

Compliance

Some things you can do to help encourage compliance are:

- Research the various activities and regulated services, and the dates for registration for each. The more aware and informed you are about the registration, the better you will be able to monitor it.
- Ask to see the Working with Vulnerable People Registration Card. Ak to see this card before you engage someone in any of the regulated activities or services.
- Monitor any conditions imposed on a person's registration. Be aware of these conditions and ensure that they are adhered to at all times.
- If someone cannot produce a registration card, their card has expired or they are breaching a condition of their registration, contact the Office of Regulatory Services.

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Documents

- A Guide to Working with Vulnerable People in the A.C.T.
- Guide to Relevant Offence Categories under s.26 of the Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking) Act 2011
- Working with Vulnerable People - Poster
- Working with Vulnerable People Letter to Stakeholders
- Working with Vulnerable People External Implementation Advisory Group Terms of Reference
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Translating and Interpreting Service

If you require further information or require advice, a language assistance service is available by phoning the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) on 13 14 50.

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