

Blue Card System – Information Sheet

Speech Pathologists

Speech pathologists providing services to children may require a blue card.

When do I need a blue card?

Speech pathologists may need a blue card when providing speech pathology services to children as part of your profession, either as a paid employee, volunteer or when carrying on a regulated business.

How do I apply for a blue card?

Paid employees and volunteers need to apply through their employer. Individuals carrying on their own business need to apply directly to Blue Card Services.

Blue card applications where no police or disciplinary information is received are generally processed within 28 working days, provided the form has been completed correctly and no further information is required.

Will I need a blue card and yellow card exemption?

If you are engaged by a disability service provider funded by the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services to work with adults with a disability and you also work with children, you may require a yellow card exemption in addition to your blue card.

If this is required, you can apply for a blue card and a yellow card exemption using the *Blue card application and request for yellow card exemption* form.

For assistance in determining your blue card and yellow card requirements, please refer to the *Screening scenarios for person engaged in disability services information sheet* on the Blue Card Services website.

What if I already have a blue card?

If you already hold a blue card and you are engaged by an organisation to provide speech pathology services to children, then you may be able to use your existing blue card. Your organisation must notify Blue Card Services by submitting the *Link an applicant/cardholder to this organisation* form.

Upon lodgement of this form, Blue Card Services will update our records to include the new organisation who will then receive important updates about certain blue card matters.

Where a volunteer blue card holder is moving into a paid child-related activity, the 'volunteer' card must be transferred to a 'paid' card by submitting either a *Volunteer to paid employment transfer* form or the *Volunteer to business employment transfer* form.

For more information please visit our [website](#) or telephone us on **3211 6999** or **1800 113 611**.