

## Important changes to the blue card system

### What is happening?

The Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian is making important improvements to the blue card system following recent changes to the Commission's Act.

The Commission introduced the first round of changes on 1 April 2010 and the final round will occur on 1 July 2010, which includes an amendment that will affect local government employees who perform regulated child-related duties as part of their position in local government.

As of 1 July 2010, all local government employees performing child-related duties will be screened under the blue card system.

Examples of local government employees who may require blue card screening include;

- youth and community development staff, including youth workers and counsellors
- sport and recreation staff, and
- youth and child librarians.

### What do I need to do?

Please read the Changes to the blue card system for local government information sheet that outlines the relevant changes.

New staff commencing from 1 July 2010 onwards will need to comply with the new blue card requirements and existing staff who do not already hold a blue card have until 30 June 2011 to obtain a blue card.

For further information, new application forms and FAQs regarding the changes, please go to the Commission's website at [www.bluecard.qld.gov.au](http://www.bluecard.qld.gov.au). If you would like to speak with a Commission officer, please call the blue card contact centre on **07 3211 6999** or **1800 113 611** (free call).