



## Definitions in Vulnerable Children Act 2014

Term	Interpretation in Act
<b>Children's worker</b>	<b>Children's worker</b> means a person who works in, or provides, a regulated service, and the person's work— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) may or does involve regular or overnight contact with a child or children (other than with children who are co-workers); and</li> <li>b) takes place without a parent or guardian of the child, or of each child, being present</li> </ul>
<b>Core worker</b>	<b>Core worker</b> means a children's worker whose work in or providing a regulated service requires or allows that, when the person is present with a child or children in the course of that work, the person— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) is the only children's worker present; or</li> <li>b) is the children's worker who has primary responsibility for, or authority over, the child or children present</li> </ul>
<b>Non-core worker</b>	<b>Non-core worker</b> means a children's worker who has regular, but limited, child contact
<b>Safety checked</b>	<b>Safety checked</b> , in relation to a person at a particular time, means that a safety check that complies with section 31 has been completed for the person within the previous 3 years
<b>Child</b>	<b>Child</b> means a person who is— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) a child as defined in <a href="#">section 2(1)</a> of the Children, Young Persons, and Their Families Act 1989 (because the person is a boy or girl under the age of 14 years); or</li> <li>b) a young person as defined in <a href="#">section 2(1)</a> of the Children, Young Persons, and Their Families Act 1989 (because the person is— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. a boy or girl of or over the age of 14 years but under 17 years; and</li> <li>II. not a person who is or has been married or in a civil union)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Children's services</b>	<b>Children's services</b> means services that are any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) services provided to 1 or more children:</li> <li>b) services to adults in respect of 1 or more children:</li> <li>c) services provided to adults living in households that include 1 or more children, and that — <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. do or may affect significantly any 1 or more aspects of the well-being of those children; and</li> <li>II. are for the time being prescribed under subsection (2)</li> </ul> </li> <li>d) services provided in respect of children that are for the time being prescribed under subsection (3)</li> </ul>
<b>Independent person</b>	<b>Independent person</b> , in relation to a prescribed State service and its chief executive, a board of a DHB, or a <b>school board</b> , means a person who is neither of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) a member of the board:</li> <li>b) an employee or officer of the service or its chief executive, or the board</li> </ul>

<b>School Board</b>	<p><b>School board</b> means a board or body that is, or 1 or more managers who are,—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) a board as defined in section 60, and for the purposes of Part 7(control and management of State schools), of the Education Act 1989; or</li> <li>b) a sponsor of a partnership school kura hourua (as those terms are defined in section 2(1) of that Act); or</li> <li>c) the manager or managers of a private school that is registered under section 35A of that Act.</li> </ul>
<b>Regulated services for the purposes of Part 3 of the Act</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(25) education services provided at a registered school (as defined in <u>section 2(1)</u> of the Education Act 1989)</li> <li>(26) early childhood services (as defined in <u>section 309</u> of the Education Act 1989)</li> <li>(27) education services provided by a trades academy, a service academy, or an alternative education provider for or on behalf of a school</li> <li>(28) education services provided at any off-site location for or on behalf of a registered school or early childhood service, including teen parent units, school camps, and learning centres</li> <li>(29) services provided to ensure enrolment and attendance at school in accordance with <u>sections 20</u> and <u>25</u> of the Education Act 1989</li> <li>(30) services provided at a playgroup (as defined in <u>section 309</u> of the Education Act 1989)</li> <li>(31) services provided at any location on behalf of a limited child care centre (as defined in <u>section 2(1)</u> of the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992)</li> </ul>
<b>Work</b>	<p><b>Work</b> means work that is—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) paid work; or</li> <li>b) unpaid work that is undertaken as part of an educational or vocational training course.</li> </ul> <p>A person’s work involves <b>regular or overnight contact</b> with children if—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the person has contact (other than merely incidental contact) with a child or children— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) overnight; or</li> <li>(ii) at least once each week; or</li> <li>(iii) on at least 4 days each month; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>b) that contact is any of the following kinds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) physical contact;</li> <li>(ii) oral communication, whether in person or by telephone;</li> <li>(iii) communication through any electronic medium, including by way of writing or visual images.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Workforce restriction</b>	<p><b>Workforce restriction</b> means core workers convicted of specific offences cannot be employed unless they have a Core Worker Exemption.</p>
<b>Screening service</b>	<p><b>Screening service</b> means a person or organisation that carries out, on behalf of a specified organisation, all or any part of a safety check of children’s workers</p>