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Final call for Schoolies Week volunteers to get blue card applications in

Volunteers intending to work at Schoolies Week this year are being reminded to get their blue card applications in to the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian immediately.

Commissioner Elizabeth Fraser commended those who volunteer to support young people attending schoolies week, but said if they leave lodging their applications much longer, they may not receive their blue cards in time to take part.

“People also need to make sure their blue cards are current,” the Commissioner said.

“Those who don’t hold a blue card won’t be allowed to work with young people during the event. We screen Schoolies Week volunteers every year, and there’s always a rush to get the applications processed in time.

“We do a lot of work with government and volunteer organisations to remind them to get their applications in to allow time for processing.”

Volunteers need to hold a valid blue card **before** they can start work with children and young people.

The time it takes to process blue cards varies, depending on whether the person has filled in their application correctly, there are any charges or convictions on their police record, or whether any disciplinary information is held about them.

Applications can take longer to process if the Commission needs to wait for information from external agencies such as Police Services or disciplinary bodies.

Those who fail to get a blue card but volunteer their services anyway may face penalties including fines.

Blue card applications are available from volunteer organisations. For any blue card queries, call **1800 113 611**, or download a Schoolies Week Information Sheet from www.bluecard.qld.gov.au

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