

To be Fit for Professional Practice you need a current Queensland Working with Children Check (Blue Card) that has either been obtained through the University or link your existing card to the University. It must remain current for the entire duration of your program/degree. You will not be able to commence placement until your Blue Card has been issued as legislation is 'No Card No Start'.

How do I apply for a Blue Card?

Students will need to register an account with [Blue Card Services](#). You will need to validate your identity using a Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) product ie: Drivers Licence, Proof of Age Card. Once you have been verified you will be provided an account number. This Account Number, your Date of Birth, student number and degree you are studying will need to be emailed to ffpbluecards@griffith.edu.au so your account can be linked with Griffith University Health Group and your application can progress.



Once your account has been linked you will receive an SMS or Email with the link to complete and submit your application. Blue Card Services will then process the application. Most online applications for people with no police information should be processed within 5 business days. It may take longer if further information is required or if Blue Card Services receive police or disciplinary information.

What if I don't have a TMR product, ie: Drivers Licence, Proof of Age Card

If you don't have a Customer Reference Number (CRN) and photo from TMR you will need to attend a TMR counter, you will need to take appropriate ID with you, see list www.qld.gov.au/transport/licensing/driver-licensing/identity.

There is no fee to get a CRN from TMR for Blue Card purposes. Once you have your CRN you can apply for your Blue Card.

If you have already been issued a Blue Card with another organisation:

If you already have a Blue Card issued by another organisation, you can visit the Fit for Professional Practice Office at the Gold Coast or Nathan Campus with your Blue Card and Student ID or you can email a copy of your Blue Card and Student ID to ffpbluecards@griffith.edu.au and we can link your card to Griffith University Health Group.

What do I upload on SONIA as my evidence of a Blue Card?

Once you receive your Blue Card, then upload a copy of the Blue Card or Positive Letter of Notice in the Blue Card Check.

How long is the processing time?

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Are there any exemptions?

Registered Teachers and Police Officers **must** apply for an Exemption Card. Examples of this include where a police officer is volunteering at a local sporting club or community group and / or a registered teacher is working in a child care centre or private tutoring business.

Who doesn't need a Blue Card?

Registered health practitioners who are providing services or activities that relate to the person's functions as a registered health practitioner are exempt from the requirement to hold a Blue Card. A registered health practitioner is a person registered under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (this includes medical practitioners, nurses and midwives), other than as a student. It is important to note the exemption for registered health practitioners only applies if the person is providing services or conducting activities that relate to the person's *functions as a registered health practitioner*. ie: Registered with APHRA as an Enrolled Nurse and furthering their studies in Nursing or Midwifery.

Do I need to pay for my Blue Card?

While you are a student with the University, you will not be required to pay for your Blue Card. If you commence paid work that requires a Blue Card, you will need to organise to have your 'Volunteer' Blue Card, transferred to a 'Paid' Blue Card with the organisation that will be paying you.

Do I need to carry my Blue Card with me whilst on Placement?

Yes, it is likely your Host Provider will ask you to present your card on your first day of placement.

For more information you can visit the [Blue Card Services](#) Website

For more information contact the Health Placement Support Hub on: 07 5552 9480 or email healthplacementsupport@griffith.edu.au

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