



YOUTH & ADULT VOLUNTEERS

An adult volunteer with QBLAI:

- Is aged 18 to 89 years;
- Has a current Working with Children Blue Card that is linked to QBLAI;
- Has a Volunteer Application Form on file at State Office.
- Has been supplied with a Volunteer Handbook, and taken through the induction process by their Branch Coordinator.
- Will have completed the Handling Disclosures and Identifying Suspicions of Harm training (Police Officers and School Teachers are exempt)
- Are covered by QBLAI's Voluntary Workers Policy (with some restrictions for those aged 75 and over, see note below).

A youth volunteer with QBLAI:

- Is aged under 18 years;
- Does not require a Working with Children Blue Card linked to QBLAI;
- Should submit a Volunteer Application Form to State Office, which must be co-signed by a parent or guardian;
- Should be mentored and supervised by an Adult Volunteer;
- Should always be paired with an Adult Volunteer;
- Should never be alone with a single Adult Volunteer;
- Should be considered a Volunteer Assistant rather than a supervisor of other young people;
- Must apply for a Working with Children Blue Card as soon as they turn 18.

QBLAI recommends that Youth Volunteers are aged between 14 to 17 years. Branch Coordinators need to assess the maturity of young volunteers with regards to their suitability. Youth Volunteers are to be treated with the same respect and courtesy as an Adult Volunteer.

NOTE: Our current Voluntary Workers Insurance Policy covers adult volunteers up to 89 years of age. There are certain restrictions in cover however for volunteers aged over 75 years. This includes a reduction in lump sum benefits payable, and the removal of weekly benefits payable. For full details of exclusions contact State Office.

The Branch Coordinator must be aware of the health and abilities of all volunteers, and ensure that they are able to perform their duties with minimum risk of physical harm. Work Health and Safety best practices apply to everyone regardless of age.

If you have any questions regarding Adult or Youth Volunteers, please contact State Office.

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