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| 8 October 2020  **Changes to Working with Vulnerable People registrations during COVID-19**  The [Working with Vulnerable People (background Checking) Act 2011](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2011-44/default.asp) requires all individuals working and volunteering in education and care services to hold a current Working with Vulnerable  People (WWVP) registration. Providers and services are required to maintain up to date records of WWVP registrations. Individuals must be able to produce their WWVP registration card if requested from a WWVP authorised officer or a police officer when engaged in a regulated activity i.e. whilst educating and caring for children in education and care settings.  **Changes for expiring registrations**  In response to the extension of the [ACT’s Health Emergency](https://www.cmtedd.act.gov.au/open_government/inform/act_government_media_releases/rachel-stephen-smith-mla-media-releases/2020/act-public-health-emergency-extended) (effective until 19 November2020) the ACT Government has implemented some changes for WWVP registration holders.  These changes mean that individuals who have been assessed and hold a WWVP registration that expires on, or after, 16 March 2020 will be automatically extended for a period of up to six months after the cessation of the declared health emergency. A confirmation notice will be provided to registration holders advising them of this extension. Any further changes will be communicated to providers and service leaders.  **Provider and service obligations**  Providers and services must continue to maintain up to date records of WWVP registration cards for all individuals who work or volunteer at an education and care service by maintaining accurate records for all staff, nominated supervisors, volunteers and students (Regulations 145 to 149). Any individuals who hold an expired WWVP registration must keep the confirmation notice supplied by Access Canberra on record.  Authorised officers will continue to check that WWVP registrations and confirmation notices are in place during visits to services.  For more information about WWVP registrations please visit the [Access Canberra](file:///\\act.gov.au\education\decs\Regulation%20and%20Compliance\CECA\2020\STRATEGIC%20MANAGEMENT\COVID%2019%20response\COVID-19%20Communications\1.%20COVID-19%20CECA%20communications%20summary\Access%20Canberra) website.  For enquires in relation to this notification please call CECA on (02) 6207 1114 or email [CECA@act.gov.au](mailto:CECA@act.gov.au)  This email has been authorised by the ACT Regulatory Authority (CECA). CECA are responsible for administering the National Quality Framework within the ACT. | | |

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