

Scheme Expansion

Project update



20 March 2025

Welcome to the second edition of our newsletter. We hope our first newsletter in February helped you understand what's coming up in 2025 for the Registration to Work with Vulnerable People (RWVP) Scheme and the Expansion Project Team.

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The Registration to Work with Vulnerable People (RWVP) Scheme is expanding.

The purpose of expanding the Scheme is to strengthen the protections in place for vulnerable people, including children.

In late 2024, the Registration to Work with Vulnerable People Regulations 2024 were amended to remove two exemptions from registration: the 7-day exemption and the emergency management worker exemption.

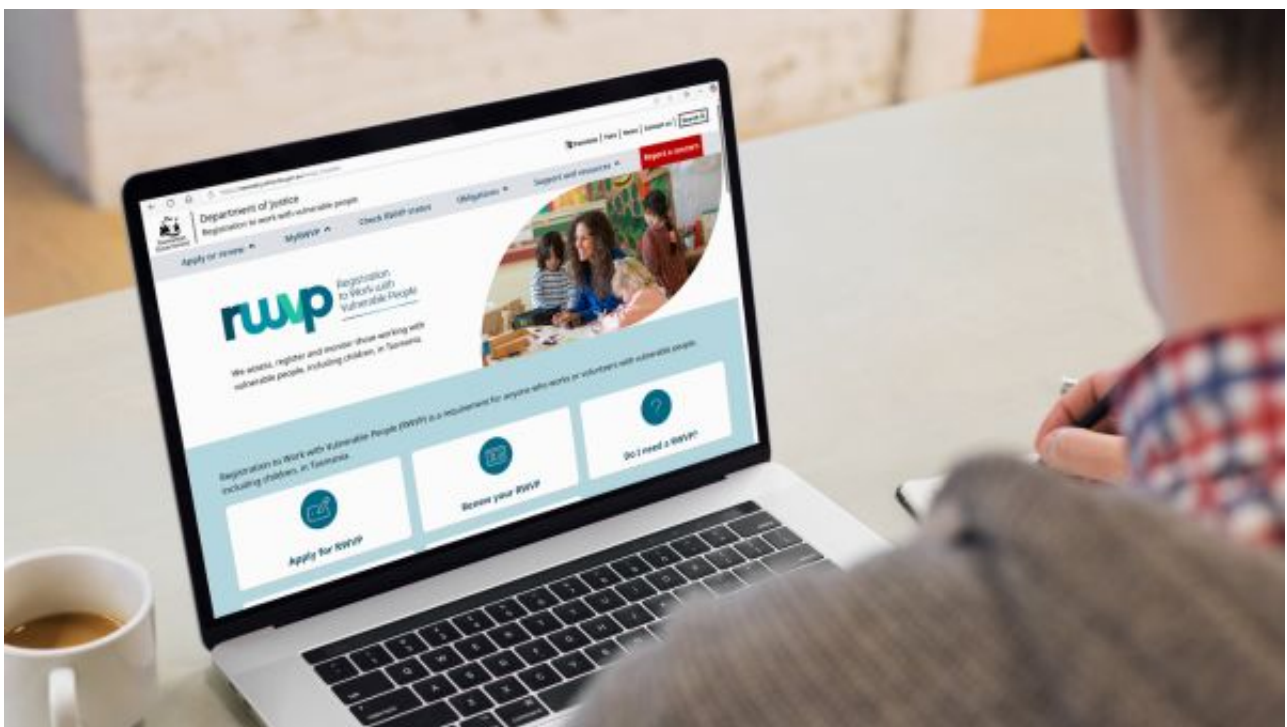
These changes are coming into effect on 1 April 2025.

What the changes mean

Once the Regulations come into effect on 1 April 2025:

- workers and volunteers who used the 7-day exemption will need to apply for RWVP
- organisations will no longer need to track the number of days a person is volunteering in a regulated activity while registered.

You can find more information on these changes and what they mean for your sector in our [RWVP Expansion Fact Sheet](#).



Coming soon: New RWVP website

We are finalising our new RWVP website, expected to launch in the coming weeks.

Whether you're an individual applying for or renewing your RWVP, or an employer checking the status of new workers or volunteers, the new website will provide faster and easier access to everything you need to know about RWVP. This includes fact sheets, sector guides and previous issues of this newsletter.

What's next?

As we look to the year ahead, we will be working hard on delivering phase two of the project. Our focus will be on delivering:

- legislative changes to the Regulations to include broader categories of vulnerable adults to be protected under the RWVP Scheme
- a new information technology (IT) system to improve scheme administration. This will include a new online registration system to provide a better user experience for registrants and employers.

New to the RWVP scheme?

- Catch up with our first newsletter.
- Read more detail about the RWVP Expansion Project.
- Learn about the RWVP Scheme on the Department of Justice website.
- Encourage others in your team or community to sign up for future news!

What is the RWVP Scheme?

The RWVP Scheme helps to protect vulnerable people, including children, from harm through a number of safeguards. These include:



Registration as a requirement for anyone who works or volunteers with vulnerable people, including children, in regulated activities.



Background checks and **risk assessments** for every person who applies for registration.



Continuous monitoring of registered individuals throughout their registration. This is aided by Tasmania Police, Child Safety Services and others who share information with the RWVP Scheme about the reportable behaviour of individuals.



Prohibiting anyone who poses an unacceptable risk of harm from working or volunteering with vulnerable people, including children, in regulated activities.

The safety and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults is a shared responsibility. The RWVP Scheme is one way of protecting them from harm.

You can find more information about the RWVP Scheme on the [Department of Justice website](#).

Our mission



To deliver a robust Registration to Work with Vulnerable People Scheme as an important means of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Contact us



If you have questions or would like to chat to the Project Team, please email us at rwvpexpansion@justice.tas.gov.au.

Kind Regards,

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