

HOW TO APPLY FOR WWCC - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Western Australian Working with Children Card (WWCC) renewals can be processed online if the Department of Communities had been previously supplied with a yogi's current email address; they have sent the yogi a reminder email and an online link; and the WWCC has not yet expired.

New applications and renewal of cards that have already expired must be processed via the WWCC application form obtainable from any Australia Post Office or via Chris Szydowski. The forms need to be signed by Chris Szydowski, who has been established as our group's official contact point with the Department. Under the WA WWCC system, Sahaja Yoga Australia is classed as a religious organisation (category 11) and all yogis 18 years of age or over are volunteers engaged in child-related work. Chris Szydowski legally verifies that each WWCC applicant engages in child-related volunteer work.

Signed forms are processed at an Australia Post Office, where a photo is taken and payment is made. It usually takes a few weeks for renewals to be approved and a few more weeks for cards to be sent out. Longer times are required for yogis from overseas.

Online renewals are much quicker and it is highly recommended that yogis supply a Gmail, Yahoo or Hotmail email address (i.e. one that won't change in the future) when renewing so that in three years time the yogi will receive an email reminder to renew online and pay for it by credit card. No visit to the Post Office will be required, no photo taken and the saving on paper will make Mother Earth very happy.