

Youth Koori Court Frequently Asked Questions

How do I apply to be a panel member?

You will need to fill out an Expression of Interest form and give your completed form to the Children's Court by either:

Email: Jaspreet.Singh-Bains@justice.nsw.gov.au

Post: PO Box 5113 PARRAMATTA 2124

Hand: Parramatta Children's Court, 2 George Street Paramatta.

Can I get some help to fill out my Expression of Interest form?

Yes. You can call 8688 1459 and someone from the Children's Court will help you.

What happens after I fill out my Expression of Interest form?

The Children's Court will contact you to arrange an interview to discuss your suitability for the role.

I have a criminal record. Does this mean I won't pass the criminal records check?

No not necessarily. Whether or not you will pass the criminal records check will depend on the type of offences and how long it has been since you committed the offences. A criminal record for minor offences or offences which occurred a long time ago will not necessarily disqualify you from being a panel member.

Will I get paid?

Yes.

How much will I get paid?

You will be paid \$300 if you are asked to come to court for a full day (9:00am – 4:30pm) or \$150 for half a day (9:00am – 1pm). You will also be paid superannuation as required by federal government.

How will I get paid?

Your pay will be deposited into your nominated bank account within approximately three weeks.

Will I have to pay tax?

Your salary will be taxed in accordance with the approved Pay As You Go (PAYG) fortnightly tax scales issued by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Your salary will not be taxed unless you reach the tax free threshold. You should talk to us about this if you have any questions.

Is transport included in the payment I receive?

Yes. The payment you receive includes the cost of any transport to and from the Children's Court.

Can I get a cab charge?

The payment you receive is intended to cover the cost of your transport to and from the Children's Court. However, if you require a cab charge because you have difficulty catching public transport the Children's Court may consider making a reasonable adjustment for you. The Children's Court may need to ask you for written information about your medical condition to support any adjustments.

Will any payment I get affect my Centrelink payments?

You will need to get advice about whether any payment you get for being a panel member will affect your Centrelink payments. You can get free advice by calling the Centrelink Indigenous Call Centre on 1800 136 380.

Do I have to pay for my Working with Children Check?

No. If you need to pay for the Working with Children Check it will be paid for you. You should talk to us before applying for or renewing your Working with Children Check.

Will I get training before I start working with the Youth Koori Court?

Yes. Training will be provided. You will be contacted and advised of the details. .

What if I do not want to get paid?

You can choose to be a volunteer community panel member if you do not want to get paid. A volunteer Working With Children Check will only be accepted if you are volunteering as a community panel member.