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Child Safe Standards Community of Practice

The New Victorian Child Safe Standards



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Michelle Bonardi, Senior Education Adviser

Why the new Child Safe Standards have been introduced & updates from the Commission

Liana Buchanan, Principal Commissioner

Considering the views of children and young people

Amelia, Andrew, Elfie & Kirra, Commission Youth Council & Network members

Minimum requirements and an overview of the new Child Safe Standards

Emily Sanders, Director Regulation

What's similar, what's different and what can organisations do now?

Pam Boag, Manager Education and Capacity Building

Norelle Woolley, Principal Operational Policy Officer, Regulation

Q&A

Liana, Emily, Amelia, Andrew, Elfie & Kirra

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Updates from the CCYP

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Members of the Commission Youth Council & Network



What does 'minimum requirements' mean for organisations?

Overview of the new Child Safe Standards

Emily Sanders, Director Regulation



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What are the new Child Safe Standards?

Child Safe Standard 1 – Organisations establish a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal children and young people are respected and valued

Child Safe Standard 2 – Child safety and wellbeing is embedded in organisational leadership, governance and culture

Child Safe Standard 3 – Children and young people are empowered about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously



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What are the new Child Safe Standards?

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Child Safe Standard 4 – Families and communities are informed, and involved in promoting child safety and wellbeing

Child Safe Standard 5 – Equity is upheld and diverse needs respected in policy and practice

Child Safe Standard 6 – People working with children and young people are suitable and supported to reflect child safety and wellbeing values in practice



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Child Safe Standard 7 – Processes for complaints and concerns are child focused

Child Safe Standard 8 – Staff and volunteers are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children and young people safe through ongoing education and training

Child Safe Standard 9 – Physical and online environments promote safety and wellbeing while minimising the opportunity for children and young people to be harmed



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What are the new Child Safe Standards?

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Child Safe Standard 10 – Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is regularly reviewed and improved

Child Safe Standard 11 – Policies and procedures document how the organisation is safe for children and young people



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What's similar? What's different? What can organisations do now?

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Norelle Woolley, Principal Operational Policy Officer, Regulation
Pam Boag, Manager Education and Capacity Building



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Similarities

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A focus on recognising and responding to diverse backgrounds

New Standards 1 & 5

A public commitment to child safety

New Standard 2

A child safe culture at all levels of the organisation

New Standard 2

A Code of Conduct regarding appropriate behavioural standards

New Standard 2



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Similarities

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Strong recruitment and human resources practices

New Standards 6 & 8

Processes for reporting and responding to concerns

New Standard 7

Risk identification and management strategies

New Standards 2 & 9

Empowerment and participation of children and young people

New Standard 3



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What's new or different?

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A culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal children and young people are respected and valued

New Standard
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Families and communities are informed, and involved in promoting child safety and wellbeing

New Standard
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Managing the risk of child abuse in online environments

New Standard
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Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is regularly reviewed and improved

New Standard
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Policies and procedures document how the organisation is safe for children and young people

New Standard
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How can organisations prepare for 1 July 2022?

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Organisations can make a start by:

Getting to know the new Standards



Reviewing your organisation's current approach to child safety and starting to plan what you need to change or do to comply with the new Standards



Reading new guidance from the Commission and regulators as it is released over the coming months



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Can we implement the new Standards now?

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If an organisation updates its policies, procedures and practices to meet the new Standards before 1 July 2022, it will be accepted as compliant by the Commission.



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Q&A with the Commission

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Liana, Emily, Amelia, Andrew, Elfie & Kirra



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Where to go for more information

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