

Christmas Island

No Assessment

Prevalence and Sectoral Distribution of the Worst Forms of Child Labor

There is no evidence that children on Christmas Island are engaged in the worst forms of child labor.

Laws and Regulations on the Worst Forms of Child Labor

Christmas Island is subject to the child labor laws of the state of Western Australia.(1) The Western Australia Children and Community Services Act 2004 prohibits the employment of children younger than age 15 in a business, trade or for-profit occupation.(2) The Department of Child Protection can issue an order to stop a child from working if there is a risk of harm.(1) No information was found on whether any laws define hazardous work or establish a minimum age for it.

Child prostitution is prohibited under the Western Australia Prostitution Act of 2000.(1, 3) Both the Western Australia Children and Community Services Act and the federally enacted Commonwealth Criminal Code Act 1995 of Australia proscribe the possession, production and distribution of child pornography.(2, 4, 5) The Commonwealth Criminal Code Act 1995 of Australia also criminalizes all forms of slavery, forced labor, the use of children for illicit activities and trafficking in children.(4)

Defense of Christmas Island is the responsibility of the Australian Defense Force, which has a voluntary recruitment age of 17 and a minimum combat age of 18.(6-8)

Public education is free and education is compulsory until age 17.(9-11)

Institutional Mechanisms for Coordination and Enforcement

As there is no evidence of a problem, there appears to be no need for a coordinating mechanism to address the worst forms of child labor.

The Australian Federal Police, the Department of Immigration and Citizenship, and the Department of Regional Australia enforce criminal laws related to the worst forms of child labor.(1, 11)

The Australian Federal Police is responsible for investigating the commercial sexual exploitation of children, such as pornography.(1)

The Australian Federal Police has jurisdiction in trafficking matters and its Human Trafficking Teams investigate human trafficking for the purpose of transnational sexual and labor exploitation.(5) The Australian Federal Police Child Protection Operations Team performs an investigative and coordination role for multijurisdictional and international online child sex exploitation issues.(1, 5)

Government Policies on the Worst Forms of Child Labor

As there is no evidence of a problem, there appears to be no need for policies to address the worst forms of child labor.

Social Programs to Eliminate or Prevent the Worst Forms of Child Labor

As there is no evidence of a problem, there appears to be no need for programs to address the worst forms of child labor.

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Cocos (Keeling) Islands

No Assessment

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There is no evidence that children on Cocos (Keeling) Islands are engaged in the worst forms of child labor.

Laws and Regulations on the Worst Forms of Child Labor

Cocos (Keeling) Islands are subject to the child labor laws of the state of Western Australia.(1) The Western Australia Children and Community Services Act 2004 prohibits the employment of children younger than age 15 in a business, trade or for-profit occupation.(2) The Department of Child Protection can issue an order to stop a child from working if there is a risk of harm.(1) No information was found on whether any laws define hazardous work or establish a minimum age for it.

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Defense of Cocos (Keeling) Islands is the responsibility of the Australian Defense Force, which has a voluntary recruitment age of 17 and a minimum combat age of 18.(6-8)

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Cook Islands

In 2011, the Cook Islands made no advancement in efforts to eliminate the worst forms of child labor. Although information is limited, there are reports that some children in the Cook Islands are involved in commercial sexual exploitation. Although the Government collaborated with nongovernmental organizations in the development of a National Plan of Action on the Sexual Exploitation of Children, this Plan has not yet been implemented.

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There are reports that some children in the Cook Islands are engaged in the worst forms of child labor, specifically in commercial sexual exploitation.(1) Information about the

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		Anguilla	British Virgin Islands	Christmas Island	Cocos (Keeling) Islands	Cook Islands	Falkland Islands	Gibraltar	Montserrat
	C138, Minimum Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	C182, Worst Forms of Child Labor	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)	X	X	N/A	N/A	X	X	N/A	X
	CRC Optional Protocol on Armed Conflict	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
	CRC Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Palermo Protocol on Trafficking in Persons	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Minimum Age for Work	14	16	15	15	None	16	16	14
	Minimum Age for Hazardous Work	None	18	None	None	None	18	16	15
	Compulsory Education Age	17	16	17	17	15	16	15	16
	Free Public Education	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes