



COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions for Clients

What happens to my Work and Development Permit(s) if my Sponsor has cancelled or put my activity on hold?

Talk to your sponsor about alternative ways you may be able to participate in your activity. You may still be able to complete your hours online or over the phone. Your sponsor may suggest switching to a different activity if this is not possible for the activity you are currently doing.

If you cannot participate in an activity for an extended period of time, your permit may be cancelled. This means you may need to make a Time to Pay arrangement with the Fines Enforcement Registry or seek another WDP for an activity you can complete.

Can I still attend my WDP activity if COVID-19 restrictions are in place?

COVID-19 protocols may apply to activities facilitated by approved sponsors. These may include mandatory health declarations, vaccinations, use of face masks or social distancing and capacity limits. Please note that vaccination against COVID-19 does not form part of the eligibility criteria to participate in the WDP Scheme but may be a requirement for attendance at the discretion of sponsors.

Your permit may need to be cancelled if you refuse or are unable to comply with COVID-19 protocols to attend the premises, and an alternative delivery mode is not suitable (eg a phone appointment for counselling). Your permit may be placed on hold to allow time for you to meet sponsor requirements for in-person attendance.

My preferred sponsor cannot take on new clients at the moment. What can I do?

Fines enforcement measures cannot be placed on hold if a sponsor is at capacity. You will need to make a Time to Pay arrangement or get a WDP in place with a sponsor who can apply for a permit on your behalf sooner.

If you need help finding a sponsor, please contact Aboriginal Legal Service WA on 61 8 6371 4600 or Legal Aid WA on 61 8 9261 6353 to talk about your situation.