

# THE BCSANT - CPS CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING MODEL AND REQUIREMENTS

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## What training is, and is not acceptable to BCSANT

The BCSANT Child Protection training model has undergone a series of reviews since its initial implementation in 2006. Below is the current model and background leading to the current model.

In 2018 the SA Government accredited Child Safe Environments (CSE) program was replaced with the “Through Their Eyes” (TTE) program, known in the Education Department as “Responding to Abuse and Neglect” (RRHAN). The updated BCSANT Child Protection strategy included the decision not to utilise the SA Government accredited TTE training model, similar to a number of other denominations/organisations.

Whilst BCSANT/CPS presenters were fully accredited SA Government “Through Their Eyes” trainers, it was determined that the TTE program lacked important content on multiple levels. Unlike previous years where BCSA/CPS had been able to obtain approval to modify and include additional specialist modules within the CSE program, the new TTE program has no provision for such modification.

BCSANT acknowledges and accepts that there are those who have obtained and hold a current CSE/TTE/RRHAN certificate through outside providers, often as part of employment conditions which includes NT accredited teachers. However, BCSANT strongly encourages these people to still undertake the BCSANT/CPS 4 hour intensive and 3 yearly update/refreshers. The BCSANT model includes additional material that is particularly relevant to the church. The BCSANT model also includes child sex offender awareness models designed to make children, families, and churches safe and is presented by highly qualified and experienced presenters.

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Child Protection Solutions are engaged by a wide range of denominations and organisations throughout Australia to deliver child sex offender awareness training.

At a minimum BCSANT requires those who hold current TTE/RRHAN or NT accredited teacher certificates to view the 30-minute On-Line Child Sex Offender Awareness (Making Young People & The Church Safe) bridging intensive and complete an assessment paper. **Please note that No other training is accepted by BCSANT.**

All persons Accredited within BCSANT and serving in local church context are required to complete and maintain the BCSANT level of training as a part of their continuing Accreditation, regardless of whether they also hold a current TTE/RRHAN or NT teacher certificates.

It is important to note that our training strategy must meet standards acceptable not only to BCSANT, but all legislative compliance and insurance standards as submitted to both bodies for approval/endorsement.

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