

Youth Justice Bail After-hours Service

Fact Sheet

The Youth Justice Bail After-hours Service (YJBAS) is a state-wide, after-hours bail assessment and advice service delivered by Youth Justice, DJCS. It provides a single point of contact for bail assessments and advice in matters where police are seeking to remand a young person after-hours.

From 30 April 2023 YJBAS replaces the Central After-Hours Assessment and Bail Placement Service (CAHABPS) which was previously delivered by the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

What does the YJBAS do?

YJBAS conducts bail assessments with young people and provides advice to assist bail decision makers after-hours, including Bail Justices and Magistrates in the Children's Court [Weekend...Online Remand Court](#) (WORC).

YJBAS supports informed decision-making by bail decision makers, consistent with the key principles of diversion and minimum intervention that underpin the [Children, Youth and Families Act 2005](#).

Victoria Police must contact YJBAS if they are considering remanding a young person after-hours and allow the young person to be in contact with a YJBAS worker prior to a bail/remand hearing.

A young person appearing at the WORC may be referred to YJBAS by a legal representative or Magistrate.

Young people, their family, carers, or support workers can also contact YJBAS

for support and advice regarding the police remand process.

Who makes decisions about bail?

Decisions about bail or remand for young people after-hours are made by Bail Justices or Magistrates at the WORC. During business hours, these decisions are made by Magistrates at the Children's Court of Victoria.

The WORC is a specialist Children's Court operating online across Victoria from 3pm to 9pm on weekends and most public holidays. The WORC hears online bail and remand applications from across the State, increasing access to justice for young people in metropolitan and regional Victoria.

How and when can YJBAS be contacted?

Phone: 1300 313 381

Email: yjbas@justice.vic.gov.au

Hours of Operation:

- Monday to Friday: 5.00pm - 3.00am
- Saturday and Sunday: 8.00am - 3.00am
- Public holidays: 8.00am - 3.00am

During normal business, please contact your [local youth justice unit](#).