

Appendix 12 STFC policy for access to radiation and/or contamination Controlled Areas (CA) and Supervised Areas (SA) by people under 18

Person			Age	Access to work in		Access to visit		Commentary and conditions
				CA	SA	CA	SA	
Young Person	Trainee	Apprentice	≥18	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	STFC employees. Suitable method statements, risk assessments and local rules required with the advice of the RPA.
		Apprentice	≥16-<18	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
		Summer student	≥16	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Suitable method statements, risk assessments and local rules required with the advice of the RPA. Copy of risk assessment to student and their parents/guardians.
		A level student (Key Stage 5)	≥16-<18	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
		Work Experience student	≥16	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
	Child		≥14-<16	Yes ¹	Yes ¹	Yes ^{1,2}	Yes ^{1,2}	¹ Access for children to radiation and/or contamination CA and SA requires management consideration balancing the educational benefit of access with ALARP principles, and more generally the reputational risk to the STFC arising from an incident involving children and radiation by undertaking a risk assessment.
		GCSE student (Key Stage 4)	≥14-<16	No	No	Yes ^{1,2}	Yes ^{1,2}	
		Secondary school student (Key Stage 3)	≥11-<14	No	No	Yes ^{1,2}	Yes ^{1,2}	
		Junior school student (Key Stage 2)	≥7- <11	No	No	Yes ^{1,2}	Yes ^{1,2}	
		Infant school student (Key Stage 1)	≥5 - <7	No	No	No	No	² Where access by children to CA or SA is required for example for “Open Days”, hosted tours or other such public events, the areas visited or route followed should be surveyed and all actual or potential sources of ionising radiation hazards in the areas to be visited are removed where possible or made safe and secure. Arrangements should be made to ensure that access to other areas is not permitted. During visits to a CA or SA the maximum dose must not exceed 10µSv in any calendar year. The relevant RPA can advise where possible on the requirements for de-classification of designated radiation or contamination areas.
		Pre-school child	<5	No	No	No	No	