



Disclosure Check Guidance

February 2025

Disclosure Check Application Process Guidance for Branches

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Introduction



What is required by The Pony Club?

[Committee Roles & Required Minimum Qualifications Matrix 2025](#)

Taken from the [Health & Safety, Safeguarding and Horse Welfare Rule Book 2025](#)

COMMITTEE ROLES AND REQUIRED MINIMUM QUALIFICATION MATRIX

From 1st January 2025, all Area Representatives and Essential Committee Roles must comply with the matrix.

From 1st January 2026, all other committee roles must comply.

For the avoidance of doubt, From 1st January 2025, it is strongly recommended that ALL committee members comply with this requirement until it becomes mandatory on 1st January 2026.

ESSENTIAL COMMITTEE ROLES	Disclosure Check	Safeguarding Certificate	First Aid Training	Branch officials Training	Treasurer Training
District Commissioner/ Joint District Commissioner	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Strongly Advised
Branch Secretary	Mandatory	Mandatory	Strongly Advised	Strongly Advised	
Branch Treasurer	Mandatory	Mandatory	Strongly Advised	Strongly Advised	Mandatory (from Jan 2026)
Health & Safety Officer	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Strongly Advised	
Safeguarding Officer	Mandatory	Mandatory*	Strongly Advised	Strongly Advised	

Types of Disclosure Checks

England & Wales - DBS

Disclosure & Barring
Service

Completed online with
uCheck and DBS

Scotland – PVG

Protecting
Vulnerable Groups

Completed via
uCheck and
Disclosure
Scotland

Northern Ireland - Access NI

Access Northern Ireland

Completed via Access NI

Enhanced Disclosure Check with Child Barred List Check

DBS Checks

The Process Explained



Setting up an Account with uCheck

- Register for an account at www.ucheck.co.uk/online-dbs-checks-for-employers
- Complete the New Customer Enquiry Form and Submit
- This will open a 'Thank You for your Enquiry' message
- You will shortly receive an email from uCheck with a link to a more detailed Registration Form – *Check in your Junk or Spam email*
- Use the code **DISCLOSURESERVICESFREE** to avoid the registration fee if you previously had an account with Disclosure Services
- Once complete you will have access to create new applications and check on the status of those already submitted and awaiting review.

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1

Primary
Contact
Details

2

Company
Details

3

Additional
Details

4

Payment

Let's get started...

- Rapid turnaround - 24/48 hours on average
- Trusted by over 30,000 happy customers
- Secure, Home Office approved system

First Name *

Last Name *


**Your invoice will also be sent to this
address: ***

Email Address *


Please confirm that you are happy to receive
information relating to the latest uCheck
products and additional services via email *:

☐ Yes ☐ No


Dashboard




DASHBOARD



RESULTS




TO DO




MY ACCOUNT

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SEARCH



REPORTS

welcome back






Atlas


THE CITATION HUB

Check a NEW applicant


Welcome to Your Account




USER INFORMAT...




COMPANY INFO...




EMAIL OPTIONS




CHECK A NEW A...



CRIMINAL RECO...



POSITIONS



User

Applications per Page:

Select...

Default Homepage:

DASHBOARD

Save

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Title:	
Forename:	
Surname:	
Email:	

If you need assistance, click the support icon at the bottom right of the webpage to access our knowledge base or chat with us

Add New User

Need support? Click here

Welcome to Your Account

USER INFORMAT...

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POSITIONS

Check a New Applicant Reminders

This reminder system is for organisations that utilise **Send To Applicant** on the Check a NEW Applicant screen.

If your applicant fails to supply their information you can trigger up to 3 additional time based reminder emails. Please make your selection by choosing how many reminders you would like enabled including the number of days **AFTER the initial send**.

<div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reminder 1</div> <div>Number of days after initial send</div>	<div>Yes</div> <div>7</div>	<div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reminder 2</div> <div>Number of days after initial send</div>	<div>Yes</div> <div>14</div>	<div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reminder 3</div> <div>Number of days after initial send</div>	<div>Yes</div> <div>21</div>
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The reminder intervals in this function is set by you, it allows a prompt to be sent to the applicant to complete and submit their application.

Please note: It is advisable to send the applicant a separate email once the invitation has been sent to ask them to check their junk or spam mailbox. The invitation will come from uCheck, not The Pony Club.

Welcome to Your Account

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 POSITIONS

Criminal Record Re-Checking Reminders

This reminder system is for organisations that have requested a criminal record check and require an email reminder when a certain amount of months have elapsed since the date the result was issued.

Please select the number of reminders you require, and the months after the result issue date that you would like it to be sent.

☒ **Reminder 1**

Yes 

Number of months
after the result issue
date

33 

☒ **Reminder 2**

Yes 

Number of months
after the result issue
date

34 

☒ **Reminder 3**

Yes 

Number of months
after the result issue
date


35 


Welcome to Your Account


USER INFORMAT...

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POSITIONS

Find Position:

Add New Position

Position Name	Workforce Type	Level of Check	Volunteer	Adult Barring	Child Barring
UNSUP PONY CLUB CA...	CHILD	Enhanced	Yes	No	Yes
THE PONY CLUB TEAM ...	CHILD	Enhanced	No	No	Yes
THE PONY CLUB MEM...	CHILD	Enhanced	Yes	No	Yes
THE PONY CLUB EVEN...	CHILD	Enhanced	Yes	No	Yes

The description is key to the approval of the position, roles such as Committee Member and Treasurer aren't typically viewed as a role working with children and may result in an application being declined.

Add A Position Form



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Add a position

"*" indicates required fields

Name *

Contact Email *

Organisation Name *

Organisation Reference Number *

Job Role *

Where will you be carrying out this role? *

This is how your organisation refers to the position as per the contract of employment.

(Examples: Hospital, Dental Surgery, School, Care Home)

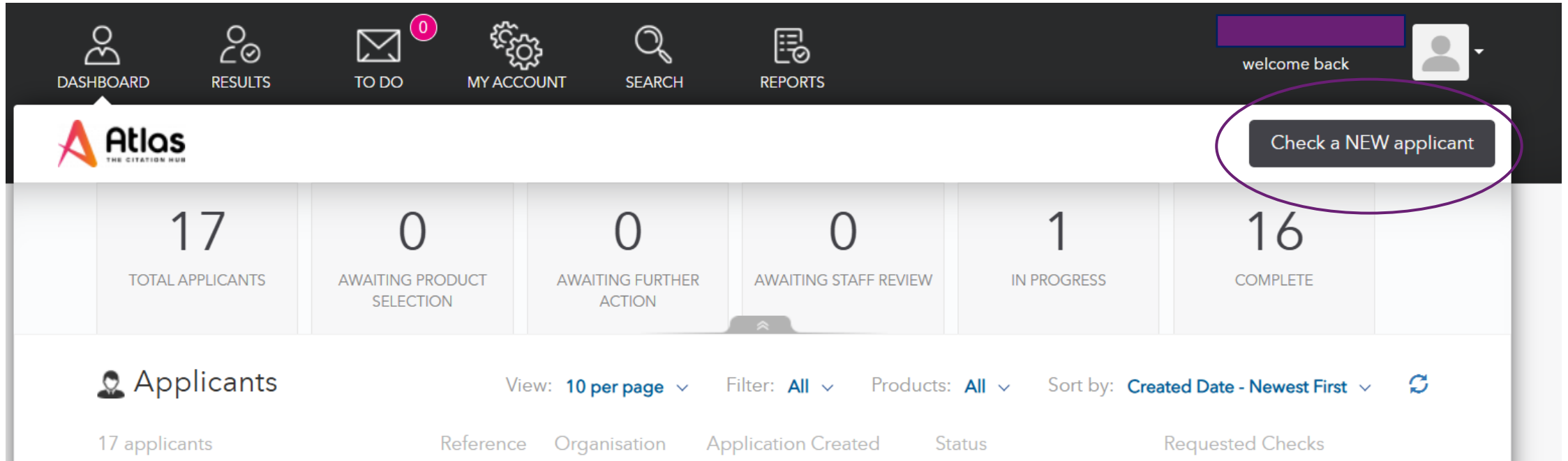
[? Need support? Click here](#)



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How to Apply for a Disclosure Check


To initiate a new application 'Check a NEW Applicant' This will open a new window on your Dashboard.



The screenshot shows the Atlas dashboard interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with icons for Dashboard, Results, To Do (with a red notification bubble), My Account, Search, and Reports. On the right side of the navigation bar, there is a user profile section with a purple bar, the text 'welcome back', and a user icon. Below the navigation bar, the Atlas logo is visible on the left. In the center, there is a row of six summary cards showing the number of applicants in different stages: 17 Total Applicants, 0 Awaiting Product Selection, 0 Awaiting Further Action, 0 Awaiting Staff Review, 1 In Progress, and 16 Complete. On the right side of the dashboard, there is a button labeled 'Check a NEW applicant' which is circled in purple. Below the summary cards, there is a section titled 'Applicants' with a user icon. To the right of the title, there are filters for 'View: 10 per page', 'Filter: All', 'Products: All', and 'Sort by: Created Date - Newest First'. Below this, there is a table header with columns: '17 applicants', 'Reference', 'Organisation', 'Application Created', 'Status', and 'Requested Checks'.


17 applicants	Reference	Organisation	Application Created	Status	Requested Checks
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Next to the DBS icon choose Enhanced, this will then bring up the price of the disclosure check. If the check is for a volunteer, select volunteer and a ‘Volunteer Check Notice’ will pop up for you to confirm the applicant meets the volunteer criteria


The Pony Club Stoneleigh

Check New Applicant

Please select the checks you want performed on the applicant




Disclosure & Barring Service

☐ Enhanced 

☐ DBS Adult First Check


☐ Volunteer


☐ Standard 

☐ Volunteer

£0.00

more ▼




Disclosure & Barring Service Basic Check 

England & Wales

£35.90

more ▼



Disclosure Scotland Basic Check

Scotland

£39.40

more ▼



Right to Work

£10.20

Please Select Products

No products selected

£0.00

TOTAL

£0.00

Charge Applicant for the Check?

☐

No

Internal Reference (optional)

Start Application

Copy Link

or

Applicant Email Address

Forename

Surname

Mobile Phone (optional)



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Volunteer Check Notice

Volunteer Check Notice - Please read carefully

You have selected a volunteer check.

Please note that to be able to request a volunteer check the DBS volunteer criteria set out below applies.

The applicant **MUST NOT**:

- benefit directly from the position for which the DBS application is being submitted
- receive any payment (except for travel and other approved out-of-pocket expenses)
- be on a work placement
- be on a course that requires them to do this job role
- be in a trainee position that will lead to a full-time role/qualification

If you request a volunteer check and the applicant does not meet the above criteria the DBS may retrospectively charge the application fee. In addition, uCheck will charge a £15+ VAT administration fee for collecting this payment.

**This must
be ticked**




☐ I confirm that the applicant meets the DBS volunteer criteria. I understand that selecting this field incorrectly may result in being retrospectively charged the fees as outlined above. (Tick to confirm).

Confirm

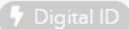
Incorrect

Check New Applicant

Please select the checks you want performed on the applicant


 DBS

Disclosure & Barring Service

☒ Enhanced 

☐ DBS Adult First Check


☐ Volunteer


☐ Standard 

☐ Volunteer

more ▼

✓ added £63.90


 BASIC

Disclosure & Barring Service Basic Check 

England & Wales

more ▼

disabled £35.90


 BASIC

Disclosure Scotland Basic Check

Scotland

more ▼


disabled £39.40

 RTW

Right to Work

more ▼

£10.20

☐  Digital ID

OFF (Click to turn ON)

Digital Identity Verification supports the check selected. This time-saving feature allows the applicant to digitally prove their identity by sharing ID documents using the Post Office EasyID or Yoti app.

How it Works

Products Selected

DBS Enhanced	£63.90
TOTAL	£63.90

Charge Applicant for the Check?

☐ No

Position ▼

Extra Cost

Will Charge the Applicant.
Submission will not proceed until the fee is paid

Check New Applicant

Please select the checks you want performed on the applicant



Disclosure & Barring Service

☒ Enhanced Digital ID

✓ added £14.40

☐ DBS Adult First Check

☒ Volunteer

☐ Standard Digital ID

☐ Volunteer

more ▼



Disclosure & Barring Service Basic Check Digital ID
England & Wales

⊘ disabled £35.90

more ▼



Disclosure Scotland Basic Check
Scotland

⊘ disabled £39.40

more ▼



Right to Work

£10.20

more ▼

☐ Digital ID

OFF (Click to turn ON)

Digital Identity Verification supports the check selected. This time-saving feature allows the applicant to digitally prove their identity by sharing ID documents using the Post Office EasyID or Yoti app.

How it Works

Products Selected

DBS Enhanced Volunteer £14.40

TOTAL £14.40

Charge Applicant for the Check?

☐ No

Position ▼

Admin Fee

Description is key

Applicant Email Address

Forename

Surname

Mobile Phone (optional)

*if you supply a mobile number, our system will send the applicant a text FREE of charge to prompt them to complete the form.

Send to Applicant

Send
Application

This is a useful function to prompt the applicant to check their email inbox and junk mail

- i** *Send to Applicant.* Supply your applicant's basic information and we will send them an email with the link to start the application.
- i** *Copy Link.* Supply your applicant with a link to the application.
- i** *Start Application.* Click this button to complete the form on the applicant's behalf.


Identity Verification In Person or via Video Call


ID validation has or will take place as part of reviewing the application


- Check the evidence of identity in ensuring that the documents are genuine and have no sign of tampering
- If the information is correct, accept the application by clicking the 'Approve' button
- Confirm that you have done the check in person/video call, and you have checked the identity documents
- Read and tick the declarations relevant to the application and click 'Approve'.


The application has been sent to uCheck for verification before going on to the DBS


Verifying Documents



DASHBOARD


RESULTS



TO DO 0



MY ACCOUNT


SEARCH



REPORTS


welcome back






Atlas
THE CITATION HUB


Check a NEW applicant


OVERVIEW


SECTION Y


ID CHECK


NOTES


AUDIT

PERSONAL DETAILS

Track Progress

See Results

Approved

Reference:	
Company Reference:	
Title:	
Forename:	
Middle Names:	
Surname:	
Date of birth:	
Gender:	
Unspent Convictions:	

Need support? Click here

CONTACT DETAILS



ADDRESS HISTORY



BIRTH DETAILS



OTHER NAMES



✓ EMPLOYMENT DETAILS & SECTION Y

Complete

Completed on: 04/02/2025

✓ ID CHECK

Complete

Completed on: 04/02/2025

✓ APPROVE APPLICATION

Approve

Completed

 EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

FROM



Pick a Date

TO



Pick a Date



- Check details are 100% correct – spelling errors as well as incorrect information
- Each section has a drop down for you to double check
- Self funded applications are not always possible to edit, a pop-up confirmation will appear for you to confirm or decline, this may withdraw the application, and you will need to start again



OVERVIEW



SECTION Y



ID CHECK



NOTES



AUDIT

APPLICANT DETAILS:

Applicant Name:	<input type="text"/>
Address Line 1:	<input type="text"/>
Address Line 2:	<input type="text"/>
Town:	<input type="text"/>
County:	<input type="text"/>
Country:	<input type="text"/>
Postcode:	<input type="text"/>
Date of Birth:	<input type="text"/>

EMPLOYMENT DETAILS:

Workforce Type:	<input type="text" value="Child Workforce"/>
Position Applied For:	<input type="text" value="THE PONY CLUB COMMITTEE MEMBER"/>
Employer Name:	<input type="text"/>

Information:

WORKFORCE TYPE ▾

POSITION APPLIED FOR ▾

DISCLOSURE TYPE ▾

WORKING WITH ADULTS ▾

WORKING WITH CHILDREN ▾

WORKING AT OWN ADDRESS ▾

VOLUNTEERS ▾

 **Select Child Workforce**[? Need support? Click here](#)

SECTION Y:

Disclosure Type:

Enhanced

Mandatory

DBS Adult First Check Required:

NO

Not
Required

Working with Adults in Regulated Activity:

NO

Not
Required

Working with Children in Regulated Activity:

YES

Mandatory

Working at Applicants own Address

NO

Not
Required

Is Volunteer:

YES

Check

- 'Working from Applicants own Address' is aimed more for roles such as childminders where they will have children in their home. Having children at your facilities where you live on site does not require the response to be YES
- The drop-down box to the side of each heading gives a full definition

➤ Route 1

FIELDS MARKED WITH **BLUE** ARE REQUIRED!

Group 1 Document:	Current Valid Passport ▼
Document 2:	Current Driving Licence Photocard - Full or Prc ▼
Document 3:	Bank or Building Society Statement (UK and C ▼
Current Address Checked?	YES ▼
Date of Birth Checked?	YES ▼
Cost Code / Personnel Number:	
Evidence Checked By	

APPLICANT PROFILE

Applicant Name:	
Address Line 1:	
Address Line 2:	
Town:	
County:	
Country:	
Postcode:	
Date of Birth:	



ADDITIONAL DRIVING LICENCE INFORMATION REQUIRED

Please click on the button and provide required information.

ADDITIONAL PASSPORT INFORMATION REQUIRED

Please click on the button and provide required information.

GUIDANCE INFORMATION

View

View

? Need support? Click here


Details documents for each group

Click to complete ID Verification


Tracking Applications

You can check the progress of an application by clicking on the individuals name in your Dashboard.

Click Track DBS to find out the status of the check

 Application Processing


Track current checks performing for:



[View Application](#)


Application Reference:	
Date of Birth:	
DBS E-Code:	

Requesting Organization:

 DISCLOSURE AND BARRING
SERVICE CHECK

Status:
IN PROGRESS

[Track DBS](#)





Disclosure & Barring Service

Standard and Enhanced Tracking



The DBS Application Form [redacted] was received by DBS on 06 Feb 2025. Its current progress is:

STAGE	DESCRIPTION	STATUS	DATE
Stage 1.	✓ Application Form received and validated	COMPLETED	06/02/2025
Stage 2.	✓ Police National Computer searched	COMPLETED	06/02/2025
Stage 3.	✓ DBS Children, DBS Adults and List 99 searched, where applicable	COMPLETED	06/02/2025
Stage 4.	⚙ Records held by the Police search	IN PROGRESS	
Stage 5.	🕒 Certificate Printed	NOT STARTED	

Stage 4 is typically where an application may be delayed. This can be due to a number of reasons such as a change in name.

[Track on DBS](#)[CLOSE](#)

The Update Service

The Update Service is an online subscription service that lets you keep your Standard and Enhanced DBS certificates up-to-date. It also allows employers to check a certificate online, with the applicant's consent. You can use your certificate again when you apply for a position within the same workforce, where the same type of level of check is required.

You can register to the Update Service for Standard and Enhanced checks with your certificate number when you receive your DBS certificate. You must do so within 30 calendar days of the 'date of issue' which is printed on the certificate and level of check is required.

The Update Service is free for Volunteers. There is an annual fee for paid disclosure checks.

Setting up an Account with AccessNI

Only approved signatories are authorised to manage the registered body's disclosure process. They make sure the applicant's identity is checked and approve their application before it is submitted to AccessNI.

- Register for an account with nidirect via www.nidirect.gov.uk
- Once approved you will be sent a 10-digit signatory number, this will be needed to login to your nidirect and for AccessNI service. This number must not be shared
- You will also receive a 6-digit PIN for processing online applications, this must be shared with those people whose applications you will approve

Applicant Online Process AccessNI

[AccessNI 1 Introduction to AccessNI](#)

[AccessNI 2 Types of Disclosures and Filtering](#)

[AccessNI 3 Disclosure Certificates](#)

[AccessNI 4 Applicant Online Process](#)



How to Apply to the PVG Scheme

Paid workers or volunteers need to be a member of the PVG scheme if they're doing a regulated role. It's a legal requirement.

A PVG application allows you to view their criminal history information and check that individuals are not barred from regulated roles.

There are 4 types of PVG application:

- PVG scheme disclosure (Join)
- PVG scheme disclosure (Existing)
- Confirmation of PVG scheme membership (Join) – For Self-employed people
- Confirmation of PVG scheme membership (Existing) – For Self-employed people

Making a PVG application is a two-stage process:

- 1.An organisation needs to start the application for an individual.
- 2.The individual then needs to complete the application.

Record on PELHAM

It is essential that Disclosure Checks are recorded and kept up to date

SummaryAddressesFamilyMembershipAchievementsCoach/VolunteerAttendance RecordPreferencesRelated

Coaching - Current Qualifications

+ New Achievement His...

Refresh

	First Name (...)	Last Name (...)	Qualification	Date ... ↓	Expiry ...	Qualific...	Email (C...	Creat
<input type="checkbox"/>			Branch Officials Training - Online - Compl...	12/09/2022		Volunt...		12,
<input type="checkbox"/>			Online Refresher	16/08/2022	15/08/2025	Safegu...		02,
<input type="checkbox"/>			Face To Face / Virtual	16/08/2022	15/08/2025	Safegu...		23,
<input type="checkbox"/>			DBS Certification	11/08/2022	10/08/2025	Disclos...		12,

DBS Certification - Saved

Achievement History

GeneralRelated

Contact

* ⓘ

Qualification

* ⓘ

DBS Certification

Certificate Number

* ⓘ

External Update

ⓘ

No

Eligible for Blue Cross Achievement Badge

ⓘ

No

Eligible for Blue Cross Mini Badge

ⓘ

Qualification Type

ⓘ

Disclosure

Portal Qualification Group

ⓘ

Coach/Volunteer Qualifications

FAQ's

Q. Who needs a Disclosure Check?

A. Any unsupervised volunteers or employees who, on a frequent basis, have direct access to, work, or volunteer with children and/or vulnerable adults, will require a Disclosure and Barring Service Check. It can also apply to certain positions of trust within organisations, even where the role doesn't involve any direct contact with children or protected adults, for example, anyone who has access to personal records or data of children and or vulnerable adults.

FAQ's

Q. Is there a cost for a Disclosure Check?

A. DBS, PVG and AccessNI checks are free for volunteers with only the admin fee to pay to the registered body that processes the application and subject to current guidelines. For individuals that are paid, such as coaches, they must pay the full fee for their disclosure check or subscription to the relevant scheme.

Check online with the relevant organisation for any updates

FAQ's

Q. Are DBS checks transferable?

A. DBS checks are NOT always transferable between organisations unless the individual has registered to the Update Service. Once an individual has registered, their DBS will be constantly up to date so long as they continue to subscribe to the service. However, a certificate will only be transferable as long as the individual's name, identity and gender is the same, the role and the workforce must match. The applicant must complete a [Consent Form](#) for you to view their online record.

NB.

- **There is no subscription fee to the Update Service for volunteers**
- **Ensure payment card details are updated to avoid subscription being cancelled**
- **Name, identity or gender changes will require a new disclosure check**

FAQ's

Q. What if there is content recorded on the disclosure check?

A. If content is recorded on the disclosure check, whether it is a new certificate or it has been added to the online record since the original certificate was issued, you must contact the Lead Safeguarding Officer to discuss how to proceed.

Useful Links

- [Online Background Checks - DBS, Disclosure Scotland & AccessNI \(disclosureservices.com\)](#)
- [Protecting Vulnerable Groups \(PVG\) scheme - mygov.scot](#)
- [AccessNI criminal record checks | indirect](#)
- [Quick Guide to DBS Checks.pdf \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)
- <https://www.ucheck.co.uk/online-dbs-checks-for-employers/>
- [Free Resources - Blogs - CRB/DBS Information for Employers](#)
- The DBS Update Service - <https://www.gov.uk/dbs-update-service>

Useful Contact Information

- **Disclosure & Barring Service**
 - E: customerservices@dbb.gov.uk T: 03000 200 190
- **Access NI**
 - E: ani@accessni.gov.uk T: 0300 200 7888
- **Disclosure Scotland**
 - E: info@disclosurescotland.co.uk T: 0300 020 0040
- **uCheck**
 - E: info@ucheck.com.uk T: 0300 140 0022

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