

Disclosure and Barring Service Information

Disclosure and Barring Service: Some useful facts.

DBS checks are just one part of the wider safeguarding process which includes robust recruitment techniques, training and vigilant day-to-day management. Focus is on the actual activity rather than the setting of the activity.

You must not engage in **Regulated Activity** someone you know has been barred by the DBS.

The 3 levels of checks are:

1. Standard Check.
2. Enhanced Check.
3. Enhanced Check with barred list check.

You should only do a check after the role has been offered.

It is illegal to apply for a check unless the role is eligible for one. You must also tell the volunteer why they are being checked.

It is free for volunteers. Volunteers can opt to have their DBS check portable but must apply for it within 14 days of the issue date of their certificate.

With volunteer permission organisations can carry out an instant online check to see if any new information has come to light.

Here is a flow chart to help you decide whether the role is eligible.

https://cofeportsmouth.contentfiles.net/media/assets/file/Regulated_Activity_Flowchart.pdf

Where can I get DBS Checks done?

Changing Lives Together <https://www.changing-lives-together.org.uk/dbs>

Youth Federation – youth groups can join for free and access their online DBS checking service <https://www.youthfed.org.uk/dbs/>

NCVO members can make use of their preferred provider <https://www.ncvo.org.uk/practical-support/trusted-suppliers/supplier-list/2301-disclosure-services-dbs-criminal-record-check-services-supplier>

uCheck <https://www.ucheck.co.uk/>

Further information <https://www.gov.uk/find-out-dbs-check>

Rules that relate to charity trustees and senior managers.

This guidance is for charities in England & Wales. It summarises the changes to the automatic disqualification rules (the rules) that relate to charity trustees and senior managers that are happening in 2018 and how they relate to criminal records. They do not apply to those working or volunteering for social enterprises and other forms of voluntary organisations.

<https://recruit.unlock.org.uk/knowledgebase/leading-charities-with-conviction-guidance-for-charities-on-changes-to-the-rules-on-recruiting-trustees-senior-managers-with-criminal-records/>