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DBS Update Service

Employer presentation

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Introduction

This presentation will help you understand, and get the most out of, the new Update Service.

What information is included?

- background to the Update Service
- other changes coming in at the same time
- who could benefit and how
- reusing a DBS Certificate
- how applicants subscribe
- using the Status checking facility
- next steps



Find more help online

At www.gov.uk/dbs

- employer guidance including:
 - frequently asked questions
 - quick guides:
 - how to carry out Status checks
 - the Status check results
 - how to do multiple Status checks

Also available soon:

- employer and applicant promotional videos
- downloadable posters





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Background to the Update Service

The background

What customers wanted

- transferrable checks
- quicker checks

The government's commitment

To make criminal records checks more proportionate and give the public greater control over their information.



The background

Keeping our key principles

- providing a proportionate balance between upholding civil liberties and safeguarding vulnerable groups
- trusting employers to make rounded decisions about who they employ – checking references and ongoing management
- rebalancing the role of the employer and the state recognising that disclosure and barring are one part of the wider recruitment process
- reducing bureaucracy and delivering quicker and transferable checks and less costly services



The background

The DBS presents the Update Service

From 17 June 2013 applicants can subscribe to the Update Service with a new application or Certificate. The Update Service will then keep their Certificate up-to-date.

Reusing a Certificate

Once subscribed the individual can then take their Certificate with them from role to role where the same level and type of check are required.

How much will it cost?

There will be a £13 annual subscription fee, free for volunteers.



The background

What is a Status check?

With the individual's permission, you can go online for a free and instant check to find out whether the individual's Certificate is still up-to-date.

How to make a Status check

You will enter your name and your organisation together with the applicant's name, date of birth and Certificate number.

You do not have to register or subscribe to carry out a Status check.



How applicants join

Option one

Submit an application form to the DBS

Subscribe online using the application form number

Option one:

- subscribe online when they apply for a DBS check
- we must receive their form within 28 days of subscribing
- their Certificate will automatically attach to their subscription when it is issued



How applicants join

Option one

Submit an application form to the DBS

Subscribe online using the application form number

Option two

Submit an application form to the DBS

Receive the Certificate

Subscribe online using the Certificate number

Option 2:

If an applicant didn't join at the same time as applying for their DBS check, applied via e-bulk or on a Welsh application form they can still join up to 14 days from the date of issue of their DBS Certificate.



How applicants join

Some limitations apply

- e-bulk applicants can only join with their Certificate
- Welsh applicants can only join with their Certificate
- manual DBS Certificates cannot be used in the Update Service
- applicants cannot join with a Certificate issued before the launch of the Update Service

