



Disclosure & Barring Service

A GUIDE TO OTHER WORKFORCE ROLES FOR REGISTERED BODIES AND EMPLOYERS

This will help you identify whether the position you are recruiting for falls into the other workforce when completing the 'Position Applied For' field on a DBS application form and where access to a children's and adults' barred list check is available. These are roles which don't specifically relate to working with children and/or adults.

It is important to make sure that the law allows a DBS application to be submitted. As an employer or regulator, but also as a registered body, you have a legal responsibility for making sure you can submit applications and must know the legislation that supports each application in case we need further clarification. An individual cannot request a standard or enhanced level DBS check for themselves and so as a registered body you must not submit applications from individuals where there is no employer to make the suitability decision.

Disclaimer: This is not legal advice. If you need help with making sure you are complying with the law, you should speak to a legal advisor.

Standard and enhanced DBS checks can only be undertaken if the specific role, or the specific activities carried out within the role, are included in the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (ROA) 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (access to standard DBS certificates), and are also covered by the Police Act 1997 or Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) regulations (access to enhanced DBS certificates). These laws only provide eligibility for DBS checks, they do not make them a requirement.

Decisions on when and whether to undertake a DBS check are for the relevant employer or regulator to make based on what the law allows. It is not discretionary as such, but a matter of considering the nature of the activities undertaken and if they are eligible for DBS checks. DBS provides an electronic [eligibility tool](#) which can help you with this.

STANDARD DBS certificate

Paper applications for standard DBS certificates **must** contain a workforce or they will be rejected.

Individuals whose role does not relate to working with children or adults which is included in the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975

Please see the Standards Eligibility Guide for more information on this.

ENHANCED DBS certificate ONLY

Paper applications for enhanced DBS certificates **must** contain a workforce or they will be rejected.

Individuals applying for or renewing an operating licence to run premises where gambling can take place

- [Legislative Wording 1](#)

Individuals applying for or renewing a personal licence to perform the functions of a specified management office, or a specified operational function, in relation to facilities for gambling

- [Legislative Wording 2](#)

Individuals applying to work for the Gambling Commission

- [Legislative Wording 3](#)

Individuals applying for or renewing a licence to run the National Lottery or promote or sell tickets in relation to that lottery

- [Legislative Wording 4](#)

Individuals required to be registered by the Immigration Services Commissioner to provide immigration advice or services, not in connection with criminal proceedings

- [Legislative Wording 5](#)

Individuals applying for or renewing a licence to produce, supply, offer to supply or have in his possession any controlled drug

- [Legislative Wording 6](#)

Individuals applying to be a Maritime armed guard on UK ships where they can carry, acquire or transfer weapons and/or ammunition

- [Legislative Wording 7](#)

Individuals applying to be employed for the purpose of national security for the following:

- in service of the Crown;
 - the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority
 - the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA);
 - the Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA)
- [Legislative Wording 8](#)

Individuals applying for judicial appointments, such as Judges, Magistrates, Coroners or Justices of the Peace

- [Legislative Wording 9](#)

Individuals applying to be employed by the Crown.

- [Legislative Wording 10](#)

ENHANCED DBS certificate with access to the DBS CHILDREN'S AND ADULTS' BARRED LIST

Paper applications for enhanced DBS certificates in the other workforce **including a check of the children's and adults' barred lists** are not in regulated activity with children or adults

Individuals applying for or renewing a taxi or private hire vehicle licence – not taxi drivers who are entering into a contract to drive children or adults

- [Legislative Wording 11](#)

Individuals applying through their local authority to be hosts for Ukrainian refugees that they are related to under the Homes for Ukraine scheme

- [Legislative Wording 12](#)

Individuals applying for or renewing a pedicab licence in London

- [Legislative Wording 13](#)

Registered healthcare professionals working for or on behalf of the Department for Work and Pensions to assess children or vulnerable adults

- [Legislative wording 14](#)

Appendix

See below wording from legislation as per guidance above

Legislative Wording 1:

Wording from the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) Regulations 2002, as amended by the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Amendment No.2) Regulations 2007/1892

- Obtaining or holding an operating licence under Part 5 of the Gambling Act 2005 for the purposes of that Act.

Legislative Wording 2:

Wording from the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) Regulations 2002, as amended by the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Amendment No.2) Regulations 2007/1892

- Obtaining or holding a personal licence under Part 6 of the Gambling Act 2005 for the purposes of that Act.

Legislative Wording 3:

Wording from the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) Regulations 2002, as amended by the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Amendment No.2) Regulations 2007/1892

- Considering an individual's suitability for a position as Commissioner for the Gambling Commission and for any office or employment in the Commissioners' service.

Legislative Wording 4:

Wording from the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) Regulations 2002, as amended by the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Amendment No.2) Regulations 2007/1892

- Obtaining or holding a licence under section 5 or 6 of the National Lottery Act 1993 (running or promoting lotteries).

Legislative Wording 5:

Wording from the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) Regulations 2002, as amended by the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (No.2) Regulations 2009/1882

- Considering the applicant's suitability for work as a person who provides immigration advice or services as defined in section 82(1) of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 and is –
 - (i) a registered person under Part 5 of that Act, or
 - (ii) a person who acts on behalf of and under the supervision of such a registered person, or

a person who is exempt by section 84(4)(a) to (c) of that Act

Legislative Wording 6:

Wording from the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) Regulations 2002, as amended by the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (No.2) Regulations 2009/1882

- Considering the applicant's suitability to obtain or retain a licence under regulation 5 of the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001 or under Article 3(2) of Regulation 2004/273/EC or under Article 6(1) of Regulation 2005/111/EC where the question relates to any person who as a result of his role in the body concerned is required to be named in the application for such a licence (or would have been so required if that person had had that role at the time the application was made).

Legislative Wording 7:

Wording from the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) Regulations 2002, as amended by the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Amendment No.4) Regulations 2012/3016

- Considering an individual's suitability to have in their possession, to acquire or to transfer, prohibited weapons or ammunition to which section 5 of the Firearms Act 1968 applies.

Legislative Wording 8:

Wording from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975, as amended by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2013/1198

- Any question asked by or on behalf of any person, in the course of his duties as a person employed in the service of the Crown, the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority or the FCA or the PRA in order to assess, for the purpose of safeguarding national security, the suitability of the person to whom the question relates or of any other person for any office or employment where the person questioned is informed at the time the question is asked that, by virtue of this Order, spent convictions are to be disclosed for the purpose of safeguarding national security.

Wording from the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) Regulations 2002, as amended by the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Amendment No.2) Regulations 2013/2669

- Assessing the suitability of a person for any office or employment which relates to national security

Legislative Wording 9:

Wording from section 116 of the Police Act 1997

- An application under this section must be accompanied by a statement by a Minister of the Crown, or a person nominated by a Minister of the Crown, that the certificate is required for the purposes of an exempted question asked in the course of considering the applicant's suitability for a judicial appointment.

Legislative Wording 10:

Wording from section 116 of the Police Act 1997

- An application under this section must be accompanied by a statement by a Minister of the Crown, or a person nominated by a Minister of the Crown, that the certificate is required for the purposes of an exempted question asked in the course of considering the applicant's suitability for an appointment by or under the Crown to a position of such description as may be prescribed

Legislative Wording 11:

Wording from the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) Regulations 2002, as amended by the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (No.2) Regulations 2012/2114

- Considering the applicant's suitability to obtain or hold a licence under section 46 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847; section 8 of the Metropolitan Public Carriage Act 1869; section 9 of the Plymouth City Council Act 1975; section 51 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976; or section 13 of the Private Hire Vehicles (London) Act 1998

Legislative Wording 12

Wording from the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) Regulations 2002, as amended by the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Amendments No.2) Regulations 2022/979

- Considering whether a person, "the current or potential sponsor", meets or continues to meet the requirements for approval to provide accommodation to a person who has applied for or has been granted permission to enter into or stay in the United Kingdom in accordance with Appendix Ukraine Scheme of the Immigration Rules, including assessing the suitability of any person aged 16 or over, who lives in the same household as the current or potential sponsor, to have regular contact with a person who may be or has been provided with accommodation under that Scheme.

Legislative Wording 13

Wording from the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) Regulations 2002, as amended by the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Amendment) Regulations 2025

- considering the applicant's suitability to obtain or hold a licence granted under regulations made under section 2 of the Pedicabs (London) Act 2024

Legislative Wording 14

Wording from the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) Regulations 2002, as amended by the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Amendment) Regulations 2025

- considering the applicant's suitability to assess children as a registered health care professional, within the meaning of "health care professional" in section 39(1) of the Social Security Act 1998, where the applicant is employed or engaged by—
 - (i) the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions; or
 - (ii) contractors or sub-contractors, who are carrying out activities for the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions;
- considering the applicant's suitability to assess vulnerable adults as a registered health care professional, within the meaning of "health care professional" in section 39(1) of the Social Security Act 1998, where the applicant is employed or engaged by—
 - (i) the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions; or
 - (ii) contractors or sub-contractors, who are carrying out activities for the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions