

NEWSLETTER

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New Developments Of Your Disclosure Service**Vetting and Barring Scheme—Important changes October 2009**

The first phase of the new Vetting and Barring Scheme (VBS) managed by the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA) will be introduced on 12th October 2009. Below we describe the changes coming into effect from that date.

*Description of Changes*

- Standard CRB checks will no longer exist for those working with children or the vulnerable. All individuals applying for work with children or the vulnerable from 12th October 2009 will need to apply for Enhanced CRB checks.
- The eligibility for Enhanced CRB checks will expand to include more employment and voluntary positions, known as 'regulated activity'. This includes any activities on premises intended for the use of children or vulnerable adults, such as schools, hospitals, prisons, and day care centres.
- The creation of two new barred lists, administered by the ISA. These lists replace List 99, Protection of Children Act (POCA) and Protection of Vulnerable Adults (POVA) lists, currently maintained by different government departments.
- Customers can continue to use the current application form as there will be no change to the form or application process until 2010.
- There will be a new duty for employers, social services and professional regulators to refer any information about individuals who could pose a risk of harm to children and vulnerable adults to the ISA who will assess the information and make a barring decision. ISA General information line:- 0300 123 1111, ISA Website www.isa-gov.org.uk.
- It will become a crime for a barred individual to seek or undertake work in 'regulated activity' and for those employers who knowingly take them on.

For a description of the whole scheme, go to our website: www.criminalrecordchecks.co.uk and click on the link "Vetting and Barring Scheme (VBS)".

**Basic Disclosures**

APCS now operate Basic Disclosures. This service is available to any employer or individual who needs a disclosure revealing unspent criminal convictions, or to confirm the applicants do not have any. This service can be used by employers who want to check applicants who will be working in positions of trust. Employers are able to make a more informed recruitment decision being aware of any unspent convictions an applicant may have.

If you require any further help or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us on 0845 6431145.