

NEWSLETTER

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New Developments Of Your CRB Disclosure Service**Vetting and Barring Scheme****The Launch!**

You will have heard that the first phase of the Vetting and Barring Scheme (VBS), run by the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA), launches on 12th October 2009. This is the first phase of VBS and will provide increased safeguards to enhance the protection of children and vulnerable adults.



From 12th October 2009 there will be some changes to the way that you apply for CRB checks. We hope the following information will help you to understand how this will affect the CRB disclosures you apply for through APCS.

So what changes on 12th October 2009?

- The three current barred lists (POCA, POVA and List99) will be replaced by two new barred lists administered by the ISA - the Children's List and the Vulnerable Adults List
- Employers, social services, and professional regulators will have a duty to refer information about individuals who may pose a risk to vulnerable groups to the ISA.
- There will be criminal penalties introduced for barred individuals who seek to undertake work with vulnerable groups, and for employers who knowingly take them on.
- The eligibility criteria for Enhanced CRB checks will be extended to include anyone working in a Regulated Activity. (*see diagram below for the definition*)
- The current POVA First Service (known as a POVA Fast Track) will be renamed the ISA Adult First to reflect the replacement of the POVA list.

So what do these changes mean to you?

- Standard Disclosures can still be used for those sectors exempted from the provision of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act, such as Financial Services and Security, where checks against the barred lists are not required.
- Standard CRB checks will no longer be available for those working with children or vulnerable adults. To meet the CRB's deadline, we will not accept such standard CRB checks after 30th September. Those received after that date will be submitted to the CRB as an Enhanced CRB check.
- Standard CRB checks will now only reveal information held on the Police National Computer (PNC) and will no longer reveal information from the barred lists.
- The cost of a Standard CRB check will reduce by £5 to £41 plus £2.25 VAT
- Anyone who applies for work in a regulated activity (see diagram opposite for definition) must apply for an Enhanced CRB check.
- As part of the Enhanced CRB check process, if you request a check of a barred list, the Enhanced Disclosure will show the results of the checks of one or other or both barred lists.
- POVA First will be known as the ISA Adult first service. It is the same service at the same cost. They've just changed the name.

A regulated activity is defined as :***Involving contact with children or vulnerable adults*****AND IS*****Of a specified nature***

eg teaching, training, care, supervision, advice, treatment, or transport

OR***In a specified place***

eg schools, children's homes, hospitals, detention centre, care homes or sheltered housing

AND IS***Regular***

i.e. once a month or more frequent.

OR***Intensive.***

i.e. three or more occasions in 30 days

There is no distinction between paid and voluntary work.**Further Information**

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