

DBS update service – A transferable DBS

The Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) update service lets applicants keep their DBS certificates up to date online and allows employers to check a certificate online enabling you to use the same DBS check for several jobs or volunteering opportunities.

Registration lasts for 1 year and costs £13 per year (payable by debit or credit card only). There's no charge if you're a volunteer.

When you receive your DBS check you can register at www.gov.uk/dbs-update-service using your certificate number on your DBS certificate. This needs to be done **within 19 days** of your certificate being issued.

What you get

When you join, you'll get an online account that lets you:

- Take your certificate from one job to the next
- Give employers permission to check your certificate online, and see who has checked it
- Add or remove a certificate

Employers and other organisations

Employers and other organisations can check someone's DBS certificate status online and get a result straight away.

There's no registration process or fee for employers to check a certificate online, but employers must:

- Be legally entitled to carry out a check
- Have the worker's permission

For more details check out the DBS website: www.gov.uk/dbs-update-service