

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)

What is a DBS?

DBS stands for Disclosure and Barring Service. An Enhanced DBS check is carried out when persons have access to children or vulnerable adults. DBS is only available to UK citizens and will provide details of any criminal records you may have.

I am not a UK citizen. Can I apply for a DBS?

Non-UK citizens will not be able to apply for a DBS as system can only check UK citizens. If you are applying from overseas, you must obtain a police check or DBS equivalent from your own country. It is your responsibility to provide this and we cannot apply for this on your behalf.

I have an older CRB – is this still valid?

We will accept a recent CRB as long as it meets the following criteria:

The CRB is less than 3 years old.

The CRB is an enhanced check working with children.

If your CRB does not meet the above criteria you will need to apply for an enhanced DBS check.

We reserve the right to apply for a new enhanced DBS for all applicants, even if they meet the criteria above.

How much will it cost?

Enhanced DBS checks will cost £55 for successful candidates who do not hold a valid one. MLA will not pay for overseas police checks or equivalents.