

The Update Service

Benefits and Negatives

Why should you get registered for the Update Service?

As you can see, it is clear that the benefits outweigh the negatives.

If you would like further help, please contact DBS helpline directly on **03000 200 190**

Or follow the applicant guide:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-update-service-applicant-guide/dbs-update-service-applicant-guide>

Time limit- You must join within 30 days of the original DBS certificate 'date of issue', otherwise you cannot register for the Update Service.

The Update Service is not currently available for basic checks, only for enhanced certificates.

If you are a paid member of staff, it costs £13.00 for a yearly subscription.

Your subscription must be renewed by the day before your subscription expiry date (every year). You can't renew on the expiry date because the account will be closed, so make sure you do it before!

It saves you time and money. You do not need to re-apply for a new DBS check every time you move to a different place of work (don't need to fill out the forms every 3 years.)

You will always be able to check who has carried out a Status check on you.

There is no charge for volunteers to register for the Update Service.

Employers have to get your consent before they carry out an Update Service Check- so you are in control.

The service enhances safeguarding processes and safer recruitment.

There is an auto-renewable option.

It is online system which is easily accessible that keeps your standard and enhanced DBS certificates up to date.

You can view the status and expiration date of your subscription at any time.

Employers can carry out instant online status checks on DBS certificates that are linked to your subscription and you can effectively start working in the setting as soon as the check has been done.

It is quicker, easier and cheaper for the employer. They can see the disclosure online instantly and don't have to wait or pay for a new application, which could prove to be an advantage over other applicants if you have competition when going for a new role. It is an instant check.

