

# **News story: Disclosure and Barring Service is introducing new online services**

In the coming months, we'll be introducing several new digital services for you to use. We know that you'd like more online services, which will improve our processing times and help you manage your information quickly and easily.

## **Barring**

In early September, our new barring referral system will be available. Employers and organisations will be able to submit barring referrals online and:

- register to create an online account with DBS
- manage one or several barring referrals online
- share information with DBS through a secure government platform

In addition, people who have been referred to DBS will be able to set up an account to communicate confidentially with us about their case.

## **Basic criminal record checks**

If you live or work in England or Wales you'll be able to apply online for a basic criminal record check through DBS from January 2018. As part of the online application you'll need to prove your identity through GOV.UK Verify.

These checks are currently managed by Disclosure Scotland, who'll continue to process them for anyone living or working in Scotland.

A basic criminal record check shows unspent convictions. Anyone can apply for basic criminal record checks. Many employers also use them as part of the recruitment processes. If you're self-employed you can also apply for a basic check.

## **Standard and enhanced criminal record checks**

Also in 2018 we will be introducing online standard and enhanced checks for employers and organisations.

The system will allow you to:

- register to create an online account with DBS
- manage DBS check applications online
- track the progress of DBS applications online and do status checks

These checks are needed for certain roles, especially when working with children and vulnerable adults. We'll continue to keep you updated about DBS

online services over the coming months. Use our eligibility tool to find out which criminal record check is right for you.

## **GOV.UK email alerts**

You can [sign up for GOV.UK alerts](#), which will notify you of any updates to our web content.

You'll be asked for an email address to create a subscription, and can choose how often you'd like to be alerted when DBS publishes web updates.