

Status Checks & Portability

Once a DBS certificate has been issued and registered on the Update Service it is possible to use this for other organisations to allow them to carry out a status check on the certificate and it will not be necessary to have a new certificate issued.

However, the RFU have decided that they will not be able to accept DBS certificates from other organisations. This is due to the difficulty there is in ensuring that original DBS certificates are assessed by the appropriate individuals and that confidential personal information is not shared or lost inadvertently or unnecessarily. Having listened to feedback, it was decided that to expect Club Safeguarding Officers to take on this additional responsibility was unacceptable.

As the vast majority of individuals working in the children's workforce with the RFU are volunteers and therefore entitled to free DBS checks it was decided that to avoid these risks the RFU would not accept other organisations DBS checks.

Our partner IT Company is currently constructing a bespoke system to allow the RFU to carry out Status Checks. There will be a number of new requirements once this system is in place which you will be informed of in detail about. This may impact on the nature and time period between renewals as well as subscription to the Update Service.

Important Points to Remember:

- Apply to the Update Service with your E-Application reference number or within 19 days of receiving your certificate
- Subscribe annually to the Update Service
- Respond to any request for information and consent to the RFU requesting a reference
- Inform the RFU when you are no longer part of the RFU children's workforce