



Launch of the Vetting and Barring Scheme

Summary

The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 contains the legislation to create the new Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA) and enact the Vetting and Barring Scheme.

From 12th October 2009:

- The creation of two new ISA barred lists. These lists will replace the existing List 99 and POCA, POVA Lists.
- Access to these new ISA lists will be available on request as part of an Enhanced CRB check.
- Eligibility for Enhanced CRB checks will expand to include more employment and voluntary positions; such roles will be known as regulated positions.
- Standard CRB checks will no longer be available for those working with children and the vulnerable.
- There is no change to the current application form or application process

From July 2010:

- Individuals will be able to apply to the CRB for ISA registration if they are applying to work with children and/or vulnerable adults. There will be a 5 year phased roll out for those who currently work with children and/or vulnerable adults.
- Employers will be able to express an interest in a person's ISA-registration and be informed of any changes to that person's ISA-registration status.
- The CRB will introduce a new application form to allow applications for ISA-registration and CRB checks to be made on the same form.
- Employers can carry out free, online checks of a person's ISA-registration status.

From November 2010:

- It will be a requirement for individuals to register with the ISA if they intend to work with children and/or vulnerable adults.

Action points	<p>Organisations, governors and trustees need to consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Policies and procedures for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults will need reviewing to come in to line with ISA requirements and changes to legislation ➤ To keep up to date with what is happening it is possible to register on the website below where you will receive email information about events/training, newsletters and updates
Sources of information	<p>The Vetting and Barring contact centre is now live. If you have any questions or queries about the scheme telephone 0300 123 1111</p> <p>Website: www.isa-gov.org</p> <p>The website provides the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Glossary of terms ➤ Information about legislation ➤ Factsheets about ISA and what they do ➤ Newsletters ➤ Frequently asked questions ➤ ISA decision making process guidance
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