



# DBS Checking

(England and Wales, Isle of Man and Channel Islands)

## Guide for Members

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#### Introduction

"All adult members working with children or youth must have a criminal records check before an eligible calling is extended. If a member does not have a criminal records check noted on their membership record, the Church will apply for a criminal records check with the member's consent. The member is not given an eligible calling or assignment with children or youth until the criminal records check is completed.." (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints in the UK, Safeguarding Policies and Procedures)

#### DBS and uCheck

Criminal record checks are carried out by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) for people living or working in England, Wales, the Isle of Man, and the Channel Isles.

A DBS check discloses a person's criminal convictions and cautions, plus other information relevant to the role they will be undertaking.

DBS is also responsible for maintaining the Adult's and Children's Barred Lists – a list of individuals who are barred from working with children or vulnerable adults.

uCheck is an approved DBS umbrella body. uCheck provide the online DBS application portal.

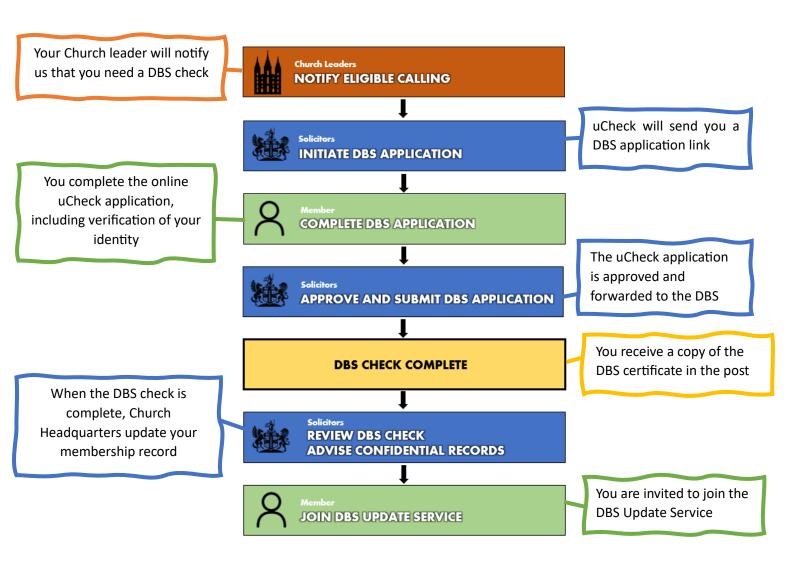
You can find further information about DBS checks and uCheck at:

- www.gov.uk/dbs
- www.ucheck.co.uk/faq





### Process overview



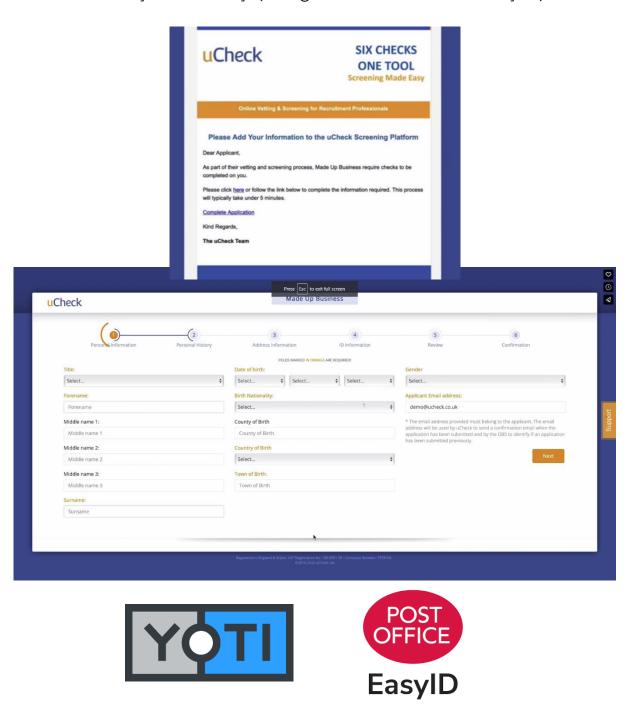




## Step-by-Step Guide

## Step 1 - Complete the DBS Application

You will receive an email from uCheck granting access to their online DBS application portal. You complete the application, <u>including</u> verification of your identity (using Yoti or Post Office EasyID).



Step 2 – DBS certificate issued

For questions when completing the DBS application, contact uCheck:





DBS will send the original DBS certificate to you.

- If the DBS certificate is clear Church Headquarters will be notified and your membership record will be updated.
- If the DBS certificate shows adverse entries, you will be contacted by your Bishop or Stake President.



Step 3 – DBS Update Service

Please join the DBS Update Service, which will allow you to keep your DBS status up to date. You must register for the DBS Update Service within 30 days of the certificate being issued. This is an essential step and must not be overlooked. There is no cost for volunteers.

Register here - <a href="https://www.gov.uk/dbs-update-service">https://www.gov.uk/dbs-update-service</a>



FAQs
For questions when completing the DBS application, contact uCheck:
0300 140 0022
info@ucheck.co.uk





## Why have I been asked to obtain a DBS check?

Your calling has been identified as eligible for a DBS check.

## I have an existing DBS certificate; will the Church accept that?

If you have joined the DBS Update Service, this may be accepted. Please consult your Ward Clerk

## Do I have to get a DBS check?

No, if you do not consent, a DBS check it will not be undertaken. DBS checking is entirely voluntary. However, you will not be given a calling or assignment with children or youth.

#### Will the outcome of the DBS check be shared with anyone?

Church Headquarters will be notified when a "clear" DBS check is issued, and they will update your membership record.

## What happens if the DBS check shows adverse entries?

If your DBS check identifies any convictions, cautions, warnings or reprimands, your Bishop or Stake President will meet with you to discuss.

Will my personal data be shared with anyone? How long will it be stored?

Your name and email address will be shared with uCheck. uCheck will destroy all data three months after your DBS check is complete.

https://www.ucheck.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/uCheck\_Applicant\_Privacy\_Policy\_vl.4.pdf

DBS will hold and process your data in accordance with their Privacy Policies. <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-privacy-policies">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-privacy-policies</a>