



Changes to the DBS Barred List Checks - April 2021

On 1st April 2021, the Teaching Regulation Agency (TRA) became the **only** agency authorised to carry out standalone checks of the children's barred list.

Schools should only use this system where they are **not** required by law to obtain an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check with barred list information. Examples of this might be:

- If the appointee is transferring directly to you from another school in England, without a break in service of 3 months+ you, as the appointing school, can undertake a stand-alone barred list check using the TRA website
- when you are waiting for the return of an Enhanced DBS check and need to engage the individual at short notice and need to check against the barred list

Please do not forget that new staff working in regulated activity with children **must show** schools the **original paper DBS certificate**. A digital certificate or letter of clearance is not acceptable. (para 139 KCSIE).

The LDBS and Grow HR services will continue to undertake DBS checks as set out in Part 3 of KCSIE. We are pleased to inform you that we are still able to carry out standalone checks if you meet the criteria to have one.

To determine whether a staff member is barred, schools will need to:

- contact their HR link to see if they meet the criteria
- *or*
- approach the TRA (link below)
- *or*
- request that HR completes a DBS for an enhanced certificate with barred list information through our HR team.

Kind regards

The Grow team

Useful website links:

The Teaching Regulation Agency website: <https://teacherservices.education.gov.uk/>

For further information, see: <https://www.teacherspensions.co.uk/employers/tp-online-page.aspx>

Access to the replacement service queries: Employer.Access@education.gov.uk

Part 3 of Keeping Children Safe in Education. (This is a link)