



Centre for Voluntary Service
Helping charities and community groups to grow, thrive and be heard

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Your ISA Vetting and Barring Frequently Asked Questions Answered

How does an individual become ISA-registered and how long will processing take?

The ISA-registration application process is very similar to that of applying for a CRB check. It should take around 7 days for applications to be processed.

When can an Individual apply to become ISA-registered?

An Individual who is a **new starter** or **changing roles** can apply to become ISA-registered from **26 July 2010**.

For **those already employed/volunteering** there will be a phased rollout programme over the **next five years** for them to become ISA-registered.

From **28 June 2010**, you will be able to apply for ISA registration and/or CRB checks on the new application form but applications received on or after 28 June 2010 will not be processed earlier than the **26 July 2010**.

Does ISA-registration replace the need for CRB checks?

No, the ISA will prevent unsuitable people from working with children and vulnerable adults. The CRB will continue to support employers, through CRB checks by providing them with access to an individual's full criminal record and other information so that they can assess that individual's suitability for a particular post or position.

Who needs to be ISA-Registered?

Anyone who works in 'regulated activity' with children or vulnerable adults on a frequent or intensive basis.

Regulated activity is defined as, work (whether paid or unpaid) which involves regular, intensive or overnight contact with children or vulnerable adults **and**

- which is of a specified nature (e.g. training, supervision, care)
- or
- which takes place in a specified setting (e.g. schools, residential homes)
- or
- which involve people in certain specified positions of responsibility (e.g., school governors, directors of social service).

Frequent means once a week or more.

Intensive means four times or more in a thirty day period.

How do I get further questions answered?

You can call the VBS Call Centre **0300 123 1111** Monday to Friday between 8am and 5.30pm or go to:

http://www.crb.homeoffice.gov.uk/faqs/vetting_and_barring_scheme.aspx#volun