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These are the types of checks available to those working with children:

Type of check	What the check involves	Positions eligible for this level of check
<b>Standard check</b>	Check of the Police National Computer records of convictions, cautions, reprimands and warnings.	The position being applied for must be covered by an exempted question in the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975.
<b>Enhanced check</b>	Check of the Police National Computer records <b>plus</b> other information held by police such as interviews and allegations. This information must be relevant to the sector and be approved by the police for inclusion on the certificate.	The position being applied for must be covered by an exempted question in both the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 and in Part 5 of the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) Regulations.*
<b>Enhanced criminal record check with children's and/or adult's barred list information</b>	Check of the Police National Computer records <b>plus</b> other information held by police <b>plus</b> check of the DBS Children's Barred List <b>plus</b> check of the DBS Adults' Barred List.	The position must be eligible for an enhanced level criminal record check as above and be for a purpose listed in Regulation 5 of the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) Regulations <sup>54</sup> as able to check the barred list(s).

**The basic criminal record check** can be undertaken on any applicant for work which does not involve working with children. Currently, this service is available to any employer and self-employed people anywhere in the UK but it must be requested through Disclosure Scotland. The DBS plans to offer basic criminal record checks in the future.

<sup>54</sup> This legislation does not provide a list of job roles that are eligible for this check – such a list does not exist. Instead, the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 sets out the 'exempted questions' for which a standard check can be obtained. Similarly, the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) Regulations 2002 set out the purposes for which an enhanced check can be obtained, and the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (No 2) Regulations 2009 list the circumstances in which an enhanced check will automatically include a barred list check. It is important to note that the Regulations can also remove roles, duties or activities through the removal of an exempted question or of a particular purpose. The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975, the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) Regulations 2002 and the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (No 2) Regulations 2009 can all be found on [www.legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk)

