

Vetting & Barring Scheme FAQ

Question

How much will it cost to join the scheme?

Answer

England & Wales	£64.00
Scotland	£59.00
Northern Ireland	£58.00

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Who is responsible for the fee?

Answer

Who pays the fee is a matter for Local negotiations, although in law the duty to pay the fee to join the scheme falls on the applicant.

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Where can I obtain an application form?

Answer

Your employer will be able to provide you with an application form

Question

I am a volunteer do I have to pay

Answer

If you are a volunteer in **England and Wales** you do not have to pay
If you are a volunteer in **Northern Ireland**, Access Northern Ireland determine their definition of a volunteer, however if your organization does not currently pay for checks for volunteers they will not pay for ISA registration.
If you are a volunteer in **Scotland**, (the Scottish scheme which will be known as Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme) and your organization does not currently pay for Enhanced Disclosure checks you will not have to pay to register.

Question

When do I need to register?

Answer

From 26 July 2010 all individuals starting in regulated activity or moving to a new role **can** register, from 01 November 2010 all individuals starting in regulated activity or moving to a new role **must** register.
The Independent Safeguarding Authority's new Vetting and Barring scheme will replace the existing arrangements covered by the Protection of Vulnerable Adults, Protection of Children's Act and List 99

Question

Does ISA affect me?

YES If you are involved in any activity of a specific nature that involves employed work or volunteering with children or vulnerable adults

YES If you are employed or working voluntary in general health settings, the NHS, The health Service Northern Ireland and Further Education settings.

YES If you have frequent access to sensitive records about children and vulnerable adults

YES If you are a Support Worker in an adult social care setting

Question

What if I am CRB checked already, do I still need to be ISA registered?

Answer

YES, those employees with the oldest CRB checks will be the first to be checked and registered with ISA

Further information on ISA can be found at www.isa-gov.org.uk