

This section provides general information in the use and content of this certificate. For further detailed information see our website www.gov.uk/dbs

Use of Certificate Information

The information contained in this certificate is confidential and all employers or other organisations that are given this certificate must keep it secure and protect it from loss or unauthorised access in line with their obligations under the Data Protection Act.

This certificate is issued in accordance with Part V of the Police Act 1997, which creates a number of offences. These offences include forgery or alteration of certificates, obtaining certificates under false pretences, and using a certificate issued to another person as if it was one's own.

This certificate is not evidence of the identity of the bearer, nor does it establish a person's entitlement to work in the UK.

Certificate Content

The personal details contained in this certificate are those supplied by or on behalf of the person to whom the certificate relates at the time the application was made and that appear to match any conviction or other details linked to that identity.

The information contained in this certificate is derived from police records, held on the Police National Computer (PNC) that contains details of Convictions, Cautions, Reprimands and Warnings in England and Wales and relevant convictions in Scotland and Northern Ireland may also be included. This certificate contains details of unspent convictions and conditional cautions. Detailed guidance on the ROA is available at:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/new-guidance-on-the-rehabilitation-of-offenders-act-1974

The DBS reserves the right to add new data sources. For the most up to date list of data sources searched, please visit the DBS's website.

Certificate Accuracy

The DBS is not responsible for the accuracy of police records.

If the person to whom the certificate relates is aware of any inaccuracy in the information contained in the certificate, he or she should contact DBS immediately. The information should be disputed within 3 months of the date of issue of the certificate.

The DBS will seek to resolve the matter with the source of the record and the person to whom the certificate relates. In some circumstances it may only be possible to resolve a dispute using fingerprints for which consent of the person to whom the certificate relates will be required in accordance with Part V of the Police Act 1997.

If the DBS upholds the dispute a new certificate will be issued free-of-charge. Details of the DBS's disputes and complaints procedure can be found on the DBS's website.

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