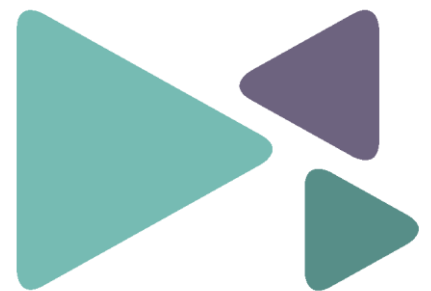


**DBS
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Basic DBS Checks for Volunteers

As there is no legal eligibility for a Basic DBS check, the DBS would not waive their certificate fee and the volunteer would apply for a Basic DBS check the same way as a paid member of staff would.

Standard and Enhanced DBS Checks for Volunteers

The DBS will **waive their certificate fee** for individuals that are legally eligible for a Standard or Enhanced DBS check **AND** they meet the definition of volunteer.

More information on eligibility for the different levels of check can be found here:

- Eligibility guidance for [Standard](#) DBS checks
- Eligibility guidance for [Enhanced](#) DBS checks

Even though the DBS will waive their certificate fee, the applicant/organisation would still be charged a small Admin Fee by Disclosure Services for the processing of the application.

What is the DBS' definition of a volunteer?

The DBS define a volunteer as:

'A person engaged in an activity which involves spending time, unpaid (except for travel and other approved out-of-pocket expenses), doing something which aims to benefit some third party other than, or in addition to, a close relative.'






As well as the above, for the DBS to waive their certificate fee, the applicant must not:

- benefit financially from the position for which the application is being submitted
- receive any payment (except for travel and other approved out-of-pocket expenses)
- be on a work placement
- be in a trainee position or undertaking a course of study that will lead to a full-time role/qualification
- be a paid foster carer or a member of a foster care household

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