



What information is disclosed on a basic DBS certificate?

A basic check will contain details of convictions and conditional cautions considered to be 'unspent' under the terms of the [Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974](#).

The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 aims to give those with convictions or cautions the chance - in certain circumstances - to wipe the slate clean and start afresh.

Under the Act, eligible convictions or cautions become 'spent' after a specified period of time known as the 'rehabilitation period', the length of which varies depending on how the individual was dealt with.

A table of rehabilitation periods for the most common sentences and disposals can be found [here](#), along with some example scenarios.

Can I dispute the information on my basic DBS certificate?

You can raise a dispute about the content of your basic certificate if any of the following apply:

- personal information is incorrect, such as a name or place of birth
- incorrect information regarding conviction details
- the conviction details do not belong to you

To raise a dispute, use your [DBS online account](#).

DBS Update Service

The Update Service is not available for basic DBS checks.