

Portable DBS checks will boost temporary recruitment

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The new portable DBS checks service introduced this month will help the temporary market grow, according to professional umbrella employment provider, giant group.

Formed at the end of last year, the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) is the combination of the Criminal Records Bureau and the Independent Safeguarding Authority. This merger simplifies the employee check process as, going forward, there will be only one organisation dealing with checks and barring decisions. Launching a new service called the Update Service, this will allow workers to pay an annual subscription of £13 to ensure their DBS certificate is kept up-to-date so they can take it from role to role within the same workforce.

According to Matthew Brown, Managing Director of giant, these changes will be of benefit to contractors and businesses alike. "This new development will be a welcome change for all involved in contract work. For professional contractors and interim workers, DBS's new Update Service will be a valued initiative. Unlike before, checks will be transferable between jobs, removing some of the barriers often associated with interim working. Once a worker has subscribed to the Update Service their employer or hirer will be able to go online, with the worker's consent, and carry out a free, instant check to find out if the information released on the DBS certificate is current and up-to-date."

"For recruiters, this new initiative will speed up placement services." Brown continued. "By allowing greater ease for contractors to move across projects, recruitment agencies will be in a better position to place some of their best candidates into new assignments."

For more information on portable DBS checks and roles eligible for assessment, visit www.gov.uk

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