



1. Home (<https://www.gov.uk/>)
2. Crime, justice and law (<https://www.gov.uk/crime-justice-and-law>)

Guidance

# Transgender applications

Guidance and information regarding the sensitive applications route for transgender applicants.

From: Disclosure and Barring Service (<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/disclosure-and-barring-service>)

Published: 21 August 2018

[Print this page](#)

The Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) offers a confidential checking service for transgender applicants in accordance with the Gender Recognition Act 2004. This is known as the sensitive applications route, and is available for all levels of DBS check - basic, standard and enhanced.

The sensitive applications route gives transgender applicants the choice not to have any gender or name information disclosed on their DBS certificate, that could reveal their previous identity.

## The sensitive applications team

If you are asked to complete a DBS check and have a previous identity that you do not wish to be disclosed to your employer and/or on your DBS certificate, you should call or email the dedicated sensitive applications team before submitting your application. The team is experienced in dealing with sensitive cases and will advise you of the process and what you need to do.

## How to contact the sensitive applications team

To contact the sensitive applications team, please telephone 0151 676 1452 or email [sensitive@db.gov.uk](mailto:sensitive@db.gov.uk). Please note, that the telephone number also has an out-of-hours answering machine where you can leave your details, and a member of the team will call you back.

If you are happy to have your previous identity disclosed on your certificate, you do not need to contact the sensitive applications team and can simply submit this information under the 'any other names' section of your application.

Please note, an applicant using the confidential checking service, will still complete the same application form as any other applicant.

Published 21 August 2018

[Print this page](#)

## Related content

- DBS finance queries (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/db-s-finance-queries>)

- [Registered Body Compliance Policy \(https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/registered-body-compliance-policy\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/registered-body-compliance-policy)
- [DBS e-bulk: third-party suppliers management \(https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-e-bulk-third-party-suppliers-management\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-e-bulk-third-party-suppliers-management)
- [Applicant's introduction to the decision-making process for enhanced criminal record checks \(https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/an-applicants-introduction-to-the-decision-making-process-for-enhanced-criminal-record-checks\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/an-applicants-introduction-to-the-decision-making-process-for-enhanced-criminal-record-checks)
- [DBS referrals: instructions for personnel suppliers \(https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-referrals-instructions-for-personnel-suppliers\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-referrals-instructions-for-personnel-suppliers)

## Collection

- [DBS checks: detailed guidance \(https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/dbs-checking-service-guidance--2\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/dbs-checking-service-guidance--2)

## Brexit

[Check what you need to do \(https://www.gov.uk/transition\)](https://www.gov.uk/transition)

## Explore the topic

- [Crime, justice and law \(https://www.gov.uk/crime-justice-and-law\)](https://www.gov.uk/crime-justice-and-law)
- [Work \(https://www.gov.uk/work\)](https://www.gov.uk/work)