



## **Child Protection Update for Clubs, July 2015**

Please find an important update on Safeguarding and Child Protection at your club included with this document. It is important that all clubs are aware of their responsibility to provide a safe environment - and to meet the minimum legislative requirements.

**PLEASE DO NOT IGNORE THIS UPDATE – AND PLEASE ENSURE THAT IT IS PASSED ON TO THE RELEVANT PERSON / PEOPLE AT YOUR CLUB.**

There is some guidance below to help clubs through this process, and there is more information on the Child Protection page of the Cricket Scotland website:

<http://www.cricketscotland.com/participation-news/child-protection-and-pvg/>

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# Important Safeguarding Information

## Countdown To Retrospective PVG Deadline

The retrospective programme is aimed to cover all individuals who have never had a disclosure or whose existing disclosure certificate predates the arrival of PVG. This means if you have a disclosure certificate which was issued **prior** to 28 February 2011 you must complete an application to join the PVG scheme without delay.

Cricket Scotland has **3 months** left in which to get everyone working in a regulated role with children (volunteer or paid) through the PVG system. This applies to coaches at all levels including adult helpers and introductory coaches.

**It is vitally important that clubs understand this change in Scottish Legislation. It affects clubs, as well as Cricket Scotland, and clubs must act accordingly:**

- Under the PVG legislation it is currently an **offence** to employ (volunteer or paid) an individual who is barred from working in a regulated role with children.
- As of **October 2015** it is expected that it will become an **offence** for an organisation (Cricket Scotland clubs) to have **in its employment** (volunteer or paid) an individual who is barred from working in a regulated role.

**The only way to find out whether an individual is barred or is being considered for listing is by accessing a PVG Scheme Record through Cricket Scotland. The old disclosure certificate will not contain this vital piece of information.**

## What Do Clubs Need To Do Now?

Audit your workforce to see who has a criminal records check.  
Ask to see a copy of the most recent certificate.

If the individual has no criminal records check at all (they do not have, or cannot produce, a certificate) then they should not be working in a regulated role in the club, and they should immediately apply for a PVG - without delay.

If the certificate reads 'PVG Scheme record' then the person is registered with the new system.  
If the certificate states 'enhanced disclosure' then this is the old system and the person must apply for a PVG without delay.

Your club is also required to have a 'Secondary Contract' with Cricket Scotland to be able to access the PVG Scheme through Cricket Scotland. If your club does not have one of these, or if you are unsure if you have one, please contact Lea Tsui at Cricket Scotland – [leatsui@cricketscotland.com](mailto:leatsui@cricketscotland.com).

## Additional Support

If you require any PVG forms then please get in contact with Lea to organise for these to be sent out. Your Regional Manager, Tim Hart ([timhart@cricketscotland.com](mailto:timhart@cricketscotland.com) or 07825-172-346), also has a small stock of forms and can supply these to you too.

To avoid delays, please ensure that when submitting PVG forms they are filled in correctly. Most delays occur because of incorrect forms that then have to be re-submitted. If you are unsure about how to complete these forms, please contact Tim Hart (as your Regional Participation Manager) or Lea Tsui.