

When an Enhanced check is required

The enhanced check is a legal requirement for those working in regulated activities. A regulated activity is a job or activity that involves working with children or vulnerable adults. An enhanced check for a regulated activity will include a check with the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) which keeps lists of people who are unsuitable for work with children and vulnerable adults. The enhanced check is also available for other specific positions (but without a check of the DBS barred lists), including those working with vulnerable people (but not in regulated activity) or judicial appointments.

Regulated Activity for children https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/publications/regulated-activity-relation-children	Regulated activity with Adults https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/publications/regulated-activity-relation-adults
<p>This is a position which invariably requires working frequently (once a week or more) or intensively (any period of four days in a row, or overnight) unsupervised with children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teach, train, instruct, care for or supervise children • Provide advice/guidance on well-being to children • Drive a vehicle only for children • Work in a school, children’s home or childcare premises with the opportunity for contact with children • Provide personal care, for example washing, dressing or healthcare to children • Are a registered childminder • Are a foster-carer 	<p>Regulated activity with adults refers to treatment or care for an adult which makes them vulnerable at that time, for example you are considered vulnerable when you are receiving dental treatment.</p> <p>You work in regulated activity with adults when you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give healthcare as a GP, Pharmacist, nurse, dentist, surgeon or specialist • Give personal care such as dressing or washing • Provide social work • Help with general household matters such as handling cash, shopping or paying bills • Help manage personal affairs such as papers • Convey an adult in a vehicle to receive personal care health care or social care
<p>An Employer must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know if a position is regulated activity • Know the level of check required and when to search the barred lists • Not employ an individual or engage a volunteer in regulated activity who is on a barred list • Tell the DBS if the individual poses, or could pose, a risk to children or vulnerable adults 	

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