

# [News story: Changes to identity checking guidelines](#)

Information regarding changes to identity (ID) checking guidelines when applying for a standard or enhanced check.

New ID checking guidelines are being introduced on 2 October 2017. These new guidelines will apply to all applications for standard or enhanced checks.

The [new guidelines](#) will run in parallel with the [existing guidelines](#) from 2 October 2017 until 29 December 2017, when the existing guidelines will cease to apply. We appreciate that you'll need to make changes to relevant literature and inform your customers. Therefore, you can start using the new guidance from the 2 October, but have 3 months to transition fully to the new guidance.

The enhancement is being introduced so that DBS's identity checking process is aligned with [right to work](#) checks. These state that employers must prevent illegal working in the UK by carrying out document checks on people before employing them to make sure they are allowed to work.