How to apply for a DBS Police check



To be granted a licence to drive hackney carriages or private hire vehicles you must provide the Council with a new enhanced criminal record certificate which can be obtained from the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS).

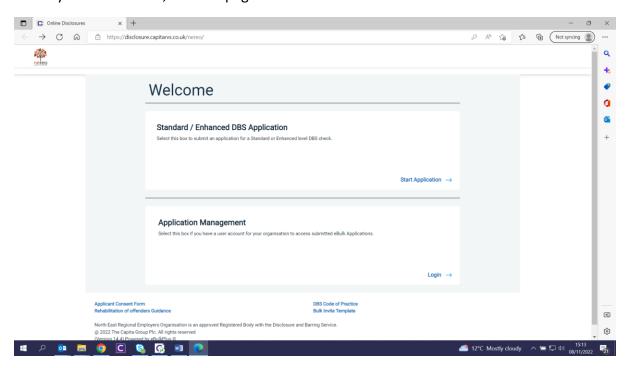
Unfortunately, DBS certificates that you may already have, cannot be accepted for your taxi driver application.

The Council's licensing policy also requires you to register with the DBS Update Service which allows the Council to check your criminal record status every six months and removes the need for you to obtain, and pay for, further DBS checks.

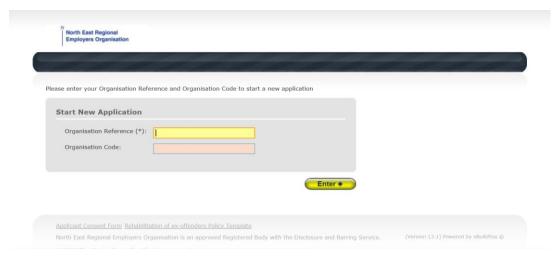
Please read the following notes carefully.

In order to obtain a new DBS certificate, you must make your application on line by visiting https://disclosure.capitarvs.co.uk/nereo/.

When you visit the site, the first page looks like this: -

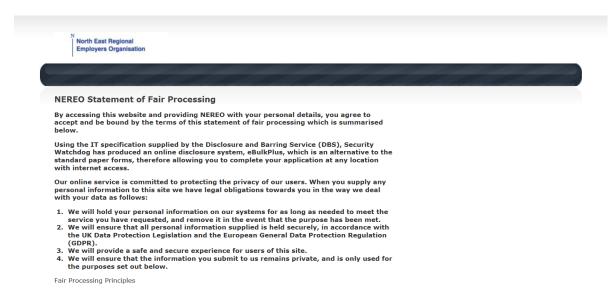


Click on the orange 'Standard/Enhanced DBS Application' box. This will take you to: -

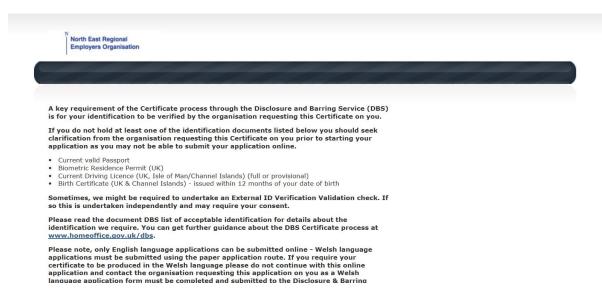


Insert the word 'TAXI' (Upper Case) in both the 'Organisation Reference' and 'Organisation Code' boxes – then press 'Enter'.

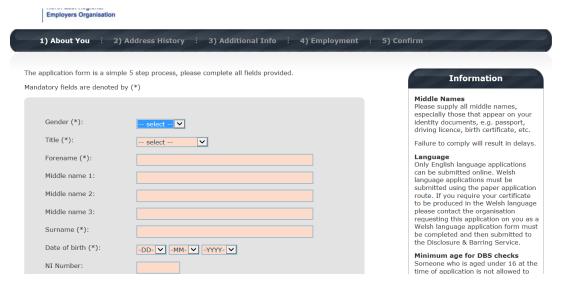
The next screen will look like this: -



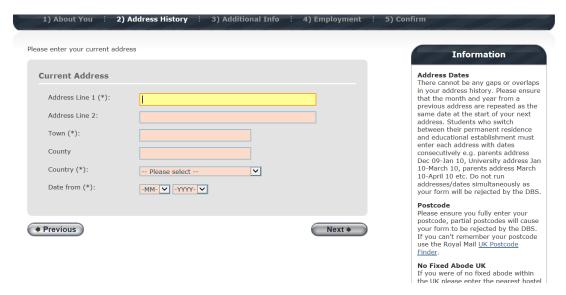
Please read the text on the page and, if you agree, tick the box at the bottom and then click 'Next'. The next page will look like this: -



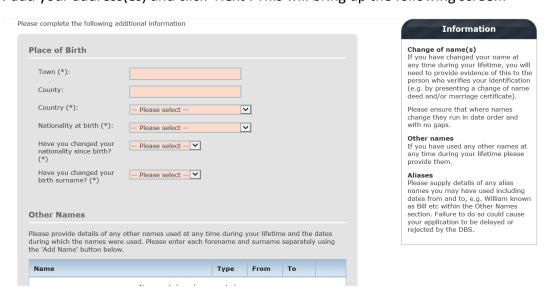
Again, you should read the text and tick the button to say you understand and agree. Then click the 'Next' button which will take you to the following page: -



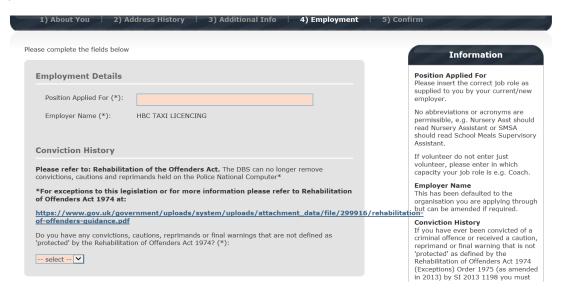
On this page you must complete all of the sections and then press 'Next'. You will then be taken to the next page: -



Now add your address(es) and click 'Next'. This will bring up the following screen: -

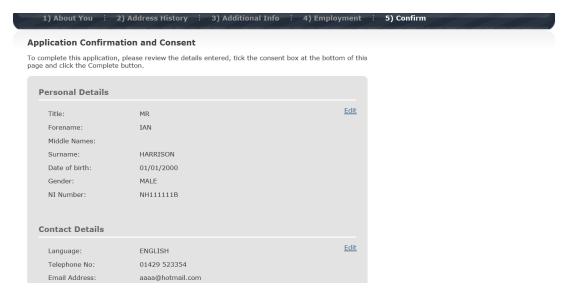


Complete all of the relevant sections, including details of any previous names you may have had, and click 'Next' for the next screen.

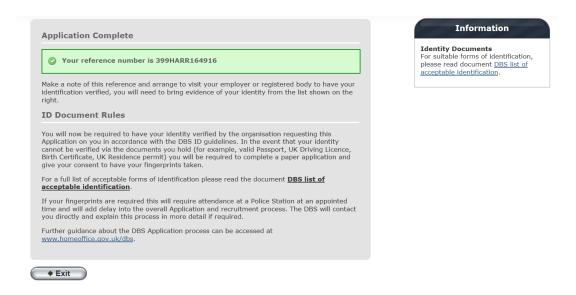


In the box 'Position Applied For', insert '**Taxi Driver**'. Further down the page you are asked about any 'non-protected' convictions, cautions, reprimands or warnings you have. This section highlights a link to guidance on the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act and it is recommended that you read this before you select 'Yes' or 'No'.

Now click 'Next' for the next page which looks like the following: -



You should check that all the details are correct and tick the boxes to confirm. Click 'Next'.



The final page highlights your unique 'Reference Number' – please make a note of this and then call the Council on (01429) 523354 to arrange an appointment to visit the Civic Centre where you will be required to produce some documents that confirm your identity and address. You will also have to pay the cost of an Enhanced DBS certificate which is £42.

You can also call this number if you are unfamiliar with how to work on computers or if you have other questions regarding your DBS application.

DBS Update Service

Once you have received your DBS certificate you can sign up to the DBS Update Service for a cost of £13 per year, rather than £42 per year for a new, full, DBS certificate. If you do not sign up within 30 days of the certificate being printed you will be ineligible to join and will have to pay £42 for a new certificate in six months time – and every six months thereafter until you join the Update Service.

To sign up to the update service you can follow the link below:

https://secure.crbonline.gov.uk/crsc/apply?execution=e1s1

Once you've registered, you can sign in to the Update Service to:

- add or remove a certificate
- give employers permission to check if anything's changed on your certificate
- see who's checked if anything's changed on your certificate
- view your details

You'll be able to take your DBS certificate from one job to the next, unless:

- an employer asks you to get a new certificate
- you need a certificate for a different type of 'workforce' (for example, you have an 'adult workforce' certificate and need a 'child workforce' certificate)
- you need a different level certificate (for example, you have a standard DBS certificate and need an enhanced one)

The employer can tell you what DBS certificate they need you to have

Renew your subscription

A subscription to the Update Service lasts for one year.

You can renew your subscription through the Update Service, either:

- when you first register, by choosing automatic renewal
- up to 30 days before your current subscription ends but you cannot renew on the last day of your subscription

Please note that if you do not renew your subscription before it ends, you'll need to apply for a new DBS check and register for the Update Service again.