

DBS and Digital Identity Verification

- Legislation came into effect on 6th April 2022 allowing for UK and Irish passports to be checked by a certified Identity Service Provider for digital ID verification (IDSP) using Identity Document Validation Technology (IDVT)
- Employers using an IDSP no longer need to see the original passport
- If IDSPs are also certified to undertake right to work checks, a single check may be used for the appointee's right to work and DBS check
- DBS guidance on digital identity verification:
 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-identity-checking-guidelines/dbs-digital-identity-verification-guidance
- Organisations are not required to use IDSPs for DBS checks and physical checking of documents can continue, if preferred

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