

Will my conviction/caution show up on a criminal record (DBS) check?

Basic DBS checks

Covered by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

Can be used for most jobs and insurance claims



Only 'unspent' convictions will show up. You don't need to disclose 'spent' convictions

Standard and enhanced DBS checks

Subject to what are called 'filtering' rules

Standard checks are used for some roles including barristers and solicitors, some finance and security roles

Enhanced checks are usually for roles involving frequent contact with children or vulnerable adults - such as doctors or social workers



If you received a prison sentence, the conviction will show up

Convictions and cautions that didn't receive a prison sentence won't show up after a period of time (except offences below)

Under 18 when received



Cautions won't show up **immediately**

Convictions won't show up after **5.5 years**

Over 18 when received



Cautions won't show up after **6 years**

Convictions won't show up after **11 years**

You don't need to disclose these after the required time has passed

Some convictions and adult cautions will always show up

Sexual offences

Some drug offences involving supply

Offences involving violence (except common assault and battery)

Offences that relate to protecting children or vulnerable adults