

INFORMATION FOR NATIONAL WEBSITE – Final
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INDEPENDENT SAFEGUARDING AUTHORITY
and
VETTING & BARRING SCHEME
for teachers offering dedicated classes
to young people under 18 years of age
July 2009

Many of you may have heard about new Child Protection Safeguarding procedures, which are being phased in over a 5 year period and which have been developed in accordance with the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006. You may also be wondering how these changes will affect you; the explanation below will help you understand what the new Safeguarding procedures are, and what you need to do and when.

As from July 2010 teachers who start to teach “***dedicated classes***” (***ie classes offered specifically to young people under 18 years of age***), in addition to holding a current Enhanced Disclosure, will be required to register with the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA).

The recently-formed ISA has a remit to oversee the new Vetting and Barring Scheme (VBS), which will replace existing vetting and barring lists such as List 99 and PoCA. The aim of the VBS is to indicate those people deemed inappropriate to be working with vulnerable groups, including young persons under 18.

Registration with the ISA will be “one-off” and there is a fee of £64, which includes the issue of a new updated CRB Enhanced Disclosure (the ED will still need to be renewed every 3 years). **It is the responsibility of the teacher to arrange ISA-registration.** The timing for registering is being phased in gradually over a few years, and currently the timeframe for the next 2 years is as follows:

- **September 2009:** Teachers currently teaching private dedicated classes **must** hold a current ED through BWY.
- **Between July and November 2010:** Teachers **starting to teach dedicated classes** must **apply for ISA-registration** and, once registered, will automatically be issued with an Enhanced Disclosure which will remain current for 3 years from the date of issue. Teachers have between July and November 2010 to do this. It is the responsibility of the teacher to arrange ISA-registration.

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- **By November 2010:** It will be a **legal requirement** for teachers **starting to teach dedicated classes** to be ISA-registered. It is the responsibility of the teacher to arrange ISA-registration.
- **From 2011: All teachers** teaching dedicated classes **must** apply for ISA-registration and, once registered, will automatically be issued with an updated Enhanced Disclosure. It is the responsibility of the teacher to arrange ISA-registration.
- **ISA-registration will be available through Lloyd Education who also process Enhanced Disclosures on behalf of BWY.**

Teachers will still need to update their CRB Enhanced Disclosures every 3 years. The ISA-registration will be required legally before working with under-18s; the CRB Enhanced Disclosure is still part of the appropriate safeguarding checks that employers will make to ensure the individual is safe to work with under-18s.

The above changes to Safeguarding procedures are government led in line with the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006; BWY and its teachers have a legal duty of care to abide by them to help increase the protection of young people. Information will be updated on the website as it becomes available. Web-link to the ISA: <http://www.isa-gov.org.uk/Default.aspx?page=315>

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