

I am emailing all validators to try and clear up the confusion relating to answering questions X64 and X65 on the back of the application form. These are the questions that ask "are you entitled to know whether the applicant is registered to work with children etc".

The questions cause confusion because of the way they are worded. Unfortunately the application form was designed as a dual purpose form to apply for a CRB check and to register for the Independent Safeguarding Authority registration scheme. The latter never happened, being pulled by the new Government last year. The form had already been printed and issued and it was decided to continue to use it even though some of it was no longer applicable! That's why these two questions are worded the way they are but this does cause confusion.

The easiest way to explain what they mean is to try and re-word them slightly in your head. Instead of "are you entitled to know whether the applicant is registered to work with children" if you re-word the question to something like "do you want to know if the applicant is clear to work with children" it makes more sense and you will be able to answer the questions correctly.

It is important to note that the job that the applicant is applying for is relevant to which check or checks you ask for. For example if you are applying for someone who is a Sunday School Teacher you only need to know if they are clear to work with children so you would cross box X64, if you are applying for a Pastoral Assistant's check you will need to know whether they are clear to work with children and vulnerable adults and so you would cross boxes 64 and 65. You can't apply for a check that you don't need.

I have to frequently amend forms that are incorrectly completed because I cannot apply for ineligible CRB checks and I just wanted to try and explain this a bit more clearly so that you can make the correct choices and understand what these questions mean.

I hope that clears up a bit of the confusion surrounding this issue. I do go through this in the CRB training that I do now but I am aware that a lot of validators did their training some time ago.

Do let me know if you have any further queries.

With best wishes

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