

TEMPORARY CHANGES TO DBS CHECKS IN FOOTBALL

WHILE THE GAME IS SUSPENDED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS

THESE HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED BECAUSE OF THE CURRENT DIFFICULTIES REGARDING ID VERIFICATION.

THEY APPLY TO ALL ROLES IN FOOTBALL

• I HAVE A CURRENT DBS WHICH IS DUE TO RUN OUT – WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

If your DBS ran out, or is due to run out, between 1 March 2020 and 1 October 2020, you will automatically have an extra year added onto it.

You don't need to do anything and the Whole Game system will be updated automatically. The FA have made this decision on the basis that these people have already passed a DBS check and the current difficulties that come with renewing them.

The FA have directly contacted around 40,000 people who are affected by this change.

The end date of 1 October 2020 could potentially change, depending when the current suspension of football comes to an end.

• WHEN FOOTBALL RE-STARTS I'M GOING TO BE COACHING A NEW TEAM – CAN I STILL DO THIS IF THERE ARE NO DBS CHECKS CURRENTLY BEING DONE?

No.

All volunteers working with U18s must have a valid DBS check done AND recorded on the Whole Game System BEFORE they start working with children.

After you receive your DBS it undergoes a final clearance via The FA before it is uploaded to WGS - so you must wait until it is recorded on Whole Game before you start to work with U18s.

Currently, new DBS checks have been suspended until further notice.

The FA will provide a further update once there is better clarity about the resumption of football.

• MY DBS RAN OUT BEFORE 1 MARCH 2020 – DO I STILL GET A YEAR'S EXTENSION?

No.

You should have already started your DBS renewal as this was before the period where coronavirus had an impact on football.

If you did not do this you MUST wait until The FA allows DBS checks to be started again. In the meantime, you CANNOT work with children.