

Disclosure Scotland and the PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups) Scheme

Disclosure Scotland is a Scottish Government organisation. It issues certificates called 'disclosures' to people applying for jobs where they will have regular contact with children or vulnerable adults. It also issues them to potential employers and voluntary organisations.

Disclosures help to make sure that workers don't have a history that might put vulnerable people at risk of harm. Disclosure Scotland does background checks on job applicants and workers to make sure they are suitable for the job before issuing them with a disclosure certificate. There are different types of disclosure depending on the level of contact you have with vulnerable people.

In February 2011 the Scottish government introduced a new disclosure scheme called the **Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme**, replacing and improving upon the existing disclosure scheme.

Organisations recruiting people to do work with children and vulnerable people will ask them to join the PVG Scheme and get a Scheme Record, the new disclosure record. For new members this will normally cost £59. Volunteers who will be working for voluntary organisations that are registered with Disclosure Scotland can join for free. You can join the PVG scheme before you start to apply for work.

Once you become a PVG Scheme member your Scheme Record will be updated on an ongoing basis to make sure you are still suitable for 'regulated' work.

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