

ReachOut DBS Routes

The next step on your mentoring journey is to fill in your DBS application. A DBS is a police check, and it gives us and our schools information on any criminal convictions you may have. If a conviction is disclosed to us, this may not prevent you from mentoring, but it is our school partners who will make that decision. This is an important safeguarding process to ensure the young people are safe and protected during their time on the ReachOut programme.

You will not be able to begin mentoring without completing your DBS, so please make it your priority to do as soon as possible.

Route A – Digital ID check

For this route you will need a current and valid **UK passport** OR a current valid **UK driving license (the address on this must match your postal address)**.

You'll be able to have your documents verified by an app and will just need to bring your certificate to your first session.

<https://www.reachoutuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/DBS-Digital-New-1.pdf>

Route B – Manual ID check:

If you do not have the documents detailed in route A, we will check your documents at your 1:1 meeting and then again in person at your first mentoring session.

<https://www.reachoutuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/DBS-Manual.pdf>

Route C – Existing DBS Check or Update Service

If you already have a DBS certificate, you can check if it can be used for mentoring:

<https://www.reachoutuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Using-your-existing-DBS-certificate-for-mentoring.pdf>

If your certificate meets all 3 criteria, then you do not need to proceed with Route A or B to complete a new DBS application. We will ask you to show us your certificate over zoom at your 1:1 meeting and then bring it to your first session along with a piece of ID.