



# Protection of Freedoms Act 2012

## 2012 CHAPTER 9

### PART 5

SAFEGUARDING VULNERABLE GROUPS, CRIMINAL RECORDS ETC.

### CHAPTER 1

SAFEGUARDING OF VULNERABLE GROUPS

*Main amendments relating to new arrangements: England and Wales*

#### **72 Information about barring decisions**

- (1) For sections 30 to 32 of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (provision of vetting information and information about cessation of monitoring) substitute—

##### **“30A Provision of barring information on request**

- (1) The Secretary of State must provide a person (A) with the information mentioned in subsection (3) in relation to another (B) if—
- (a) A makes an application for the information and pays any fee payable in respect of the application,
  - (b) the application contains the appropriate declaration, and
  - (c) the Secretary of State has no reason to believe that the declaration is false.
- (2) The appropriate declaration is a declaration by A—
- (a) that A falls within column 1 of the table in Schedule 7 in relation to B,
  - (b) that column 2 of the entry by virtue of which A falls within column 1 refers to children or (as the case may be) vulnerable adults, and
  - (c) that B has consented to the provision of the information to A.

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- (3) The information is—
- (a) if A's declaration states that column 2 of the relevant entry refers to children, whether B is barred from regulated activity relating to children, and
  - (b) if A's declaration states that column 2 of the relevant entry refers to vulnerable adults, whether B is barred from regulated activity relating to vulnerable adults.
- (4) If B consents to the provision of information to A in relation to an application under this section, the consent also has effect in relation to any subsequent such application by A.
- (5) The Secretary of State may prescribe any fee payable in respect of an application under this section.
- (6) Fees received by the Secretary of State by virtue of this section must be paid into the Consolidated Fund.
- (7) The Secretary of State may determine the form, manner and contents of an application for the purposes of this section (including the form and manner of a declaration contained in such an application).

### **30B Provision of barring information on registration**

- (1) The Secretary of State must establish and maintain a register for the purposes of this section.
- (2) The Secretary of State must register a person (A) in relation to another (B) if—
- (a) A makes an application to be registered in relation to B and pays any fee payable in respect of the application,
  - (b) the application contains the appropriate declaration, and
  - (c) the Secretary of State has no reason to believe that the declaration is false.
- (3) The appropriate declaration is a declaration by A—
- (a) that A falls within column 1 of the table in Schedule 7 in relation to B,
  - (b) that column 2 of the entry by virtue of which A falls within column 1 refers to children or (as the case may be) vulnerable adults, and
  - (c) that B has consented to the application.
- (4) A's application and registration relate—
- (a) if A's declaration states that column 2 of the relevant entry refers to children, to regulated activity relating to children;
  - (b) if A's declaration states that column 2 of the relevant entry refers to vulnerable adults, to regulated activity relating to vulnerable adults.
- (5) The Secretary of State must notify A if B is barred from regulated activity to which A's registration relates.
- (6) The requirement under subsection (5) is satisfied if notification is sent to any address recorded against A's name in the register.

- (7) If B consents to the provision of information to A under section 30A, the consent also has effect as consent to any application by A to be registered in relation to B under this section.
- (8) The Secretary of State may prescribe any fee payable in respect of an application under this section.
- (9) Fees received by the Secretary of State by virtue of this section must be paid into the Consolidated Fund.
- (10) The Secretary of State may determine the form, manner and contents of an application for the purposes of this section (including the form and manner of a declaration contained in such an application).”
- (2) In section 33 of that Act (cessation of registration)—
- (a) in subsection (1) for “32” substitute “30B”,
  - (b) in subsection (2) for “(6)” substitute “(5)”, and
  - (c) after subsection (3) insert—
    - “(3A) Circumstances prescribed by virtue of subsection (3) may, in particular, include that—
      - (a) the Secretary of State has asked the registered person (A) to make a renewed declaration within the prescribed period in relation to the person (B) in relation to whom A is registered, and
      - (b) either—
        - (i) A has failed to make the declaration within that period, or
        - (ii) A has made the declaration within that period but the Secretary of State has reason to believe that it is false.
    - (3B) A renewed declaration is a declaration by A—
      - (a) that A falls within column 1 of the table in Schedule 7 in relation to B,
      - (b) that column 2 of the entry by virtue of which A falls within column 1 refers to children or (as the case may be) vulnerable adults, and
      - (c) that B consents to the registration of A in relation to B.
    - (3C) If B consents to the provision of information to A under section 30A, the consent also has effect as consent to the registration of A in relation to B.
    - (3D) Section 34 applies in relation to the making of a declaration in response to a request from the Secretary of State of the kind mentioned in subsection (3A)(a) as it applies in relation to the making of a declaration in an application made for the purposes of section 30B.”
- (3) In section 34 of that Act (declarations under sections 30 and 32)—
- (a) in the heading for “30 and 32” substitute “30A and 30B”, and
  - (b) in subsection (1) for “30 or 32” substitute “30A or 30B”.

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- (4) Omit entry 19 in the table in paragraph 1 of Schedule 7 to that Act (power to add entries to the table).
- (5) In paragraph 2 of Schedule 7 to that Act (power to amend entries in the table) for the words from “any” to the end substitute “this Schedule”.
- (6) Omit paragraph 3(1)(b) of Schedule 7 to that Act (barring information where certain activities carried on for the purposes of the armed forces of the Crown) and the word “or” before it.