**Vetting for Ireland Active Members**

**Legislation**
The National Vetting Bureau (Children & Vulnerable Persons) Acts 2012 - 2016 commenced on the 29th of April 2016. From that date, a statutory obligation was placed upon all organisations to Garda vet every person prior to taking up a role which involves work with a vulnerable person and /or a person under the age of 18 years.

The Act also established the National Vetting Bureau (NVB) to oversee the e-vetting services previously administered by the Garda Central Vetting Unit.

**Who needs to be vetted?**
Any person who carries out a role of responsibility which involves a vulnerable person or a person under 18 years of age must be vetted.

Any person who was working with children and/or vulnerable persons prior to the commencement of the Act and was not previously vetted for that role may continue in that capacity but must apply as a matter of priority to be vetted under what is termed ‘retrospective vetting’.

**What if the applicant is under 18 years of age?**
Ireland Active vetting services are available to any person who is currently 16 years of age. A parental/guardian consent form (NVB 3 Form) must be completed, for applicants who are 16 or 17 years of age.

**Is it an offence if you are not vetted?**
It is now a criminal offence, to permit any person to commence working with children or vulnerable persons without that person first obtaining a vetting disclosure from the National Vetting Bureau in respect of the role for which they have been recruited.

**PLEASE NOTE:**
Ireland Active will not be accepting existing Garda Vetting forms after the 11th of September

**E-Vetting – Commences on the 12th of September 2016**

E-Vetting replaces all previous paper vetting systems and vetting for members of Ireland Active involves 3 easy to follow steps:

**Step 1**  Applicant Completes Section 1 and Section 2 of **NEW** NVB 1 Form which is attached.

**Step 2**  Organisation/Facility completes Section 3 of NVB 1 Form and ticks the Identification they are sending to Ireland Active (100 points required).

Sections 1,2 3 and copies of the Applicants ID are then posted to Ireland Active.

**Step 3**  Once all documentation has been received by Ireland Active, all information will be forwarded to the National Vetting Bureau (NVB).

The NVB will issue the applicant with the online NVB Vetting Application form. This will be issued to the email address he/she provided in Section 1 – Personal Information (NVB 1 Form). Please note that where the applicant is under 18 years of age the electronic correspondence will issue to the Parent/Guardian.

The applicant completes their Garda vetting on-line. The result of the application will be sent to Ireland Active who will then forward to the Facility provided in Section 3 of the NVB1 Form.

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