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DBS certificates don't have a statutory expiry date, but are treated as 'fresh' only at the moment of issue. Most employers set policies requiring checks to be renewed every 1-3 years, or require ongoing monitoring via the DBS Update Service.