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Turnaround times vary by check level. Basic DBS checks are often completed within 1-2 working days. Standard checks typically take 1-2 working days. Enhanced checks can take anywhere from 1-5 working days or longer, depending on the police forces involved. Some checks are delayed if additional information needs to be reviewed.