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Self-employed individuals can apply directly for a Basic DBS check themselves. For Standard or Enhanced checks, they must apply through a registered body or umbrella body. From 2026, updated DBS guidance allows eligible self-employed people to access higher-level checks more easily.