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There is no official 'portable DBS'. The nearest equivalent is a DBS certificate registered on the DBS Update Service, which allows subsequent employers to check its status online. Portability also depends on the role and sector some employers require their own fresh check regardless.