

Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups

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TRAININGCOM 01/2010 issued by the CAA introduced flight instructor and examiner obligations under the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006.

From 01st November 2010 it has been mandatory for persons who have frequent contact at work with children or vulnerable adults, either paid or unpaid, to undergo vetting by the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) and to become registered with the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA).

Scope of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act

The CRB has advised the CAA that the normal activities of flight instructors and examiners are within the definition of “Regulated Activities” and so are within the scope of the Act.

For the purpose of the Act, ‘Children’ are defined as a person less than 18 years of age and not in regular employment. Children who are 16 years of age and older in regular employment are not covered by the act. Frequent contact is defined in the Act as working with children once a week or more.

Guidance

If a coach is due to conduct ground or flight instruction which may require compliance with the Act, then advice can be sought from the Head of Training.

In all cases where compliance with the Act is required, the following information must be provided to the Office Manager at LAA Head Office:

- A valid certificate from the Criminal Records Bureau prior to each event
- Detail of each training event, including location and student details
- A copy of all training records following each event

Further guidance can be obtained from the Civil Aviation Authority and the CRB Website www.crb.gov.uk.