

# DBS Cookies Policy

Thank you for visiting the DBS website. This cookie notice applies to the DBS website in which you can search for guidance, register/access your online account (if you have one), make referrals, manage your Disclosure Certificate or submit requests for information.

By using the DBS website, you are consenting to our use of cookies and other tracking technology in accordance with this notice. If you do not agree to our use of cookies and other tracking technology in this way, you should set your browser settings accordingly or not use the DBS website. If you disable cookies that we use, this may impact your user experience while on the DBS website.

When using a mobile device to connect to the internet, you should also refer to the privacy notice of the specific App you are using to understand its specific data collection practices.

## 1. What are cookies?

Cookies are small text files that are placed on your computer by websites that you visit. They are widely used in order to make websites work, or work more efficiently, as well as to provide information to the owners of the site.

See below for details on what information is collected by cookies and how we use that information. For more information about the kind of data we collect, please read our Privacy Policies.

## 2. How and why does DBS use them?

DBS uses cookies to gain a better understanding how visitors use our website. Cookies help us tailor to your personal needs, to improve our user-friendliness.

To enable this some cookies are applied when you enter the website. DBS keeps all the information collected from cookies in a non-personally identifiable format. DBS cookies located on your computer do not retain your name or your IP address.

## 3. Storage and sharing of cookies

We don't collect or store your personal information (for example your name or address) so this information can't be used to identify who you are, the cookies just simply enable us to see behaviour on the website to help us improve your experience. The DBS does not share this data with third parties.

If you take the opportunity to 'share' DBS online content with friends through social networks – such as Facebook and X - you may be sent cookies from these websites. We don't control the setting of these cookies, so please check the third-party websites for more information about their cookies and how to manage them.

#### 4. What type of cookies does DBS use?

The following types of cookies are used on the DBS website.

##### **Necessary cookies**

These are cookies that are strictly necessary for the operation of the website. Without these cookies, this website won't work properly. So, we are not asking you for your specific consent for those cookies. For all other cookies your informed consent is required.

##### **Session cookies**

Session cookies are temporary cookie files which are erased when you close your browser. When you restart your browser and go back to the website that created that cookie, the website will treat you as a new visitor.

##### **Persistent Cookies**

These are cookies which are set up to improve the functionality of the website.

##### **Optional Cookies**

None.

#### 5. How can I change my cookie settings?

Please ensure that your computer setting reflects whether you are happy to accept cookies or not. You can set your browser to warn you before accepting cookies, or you can simply set it to refuse them, although you may not have access to all the features of the website if you do so.

See your browser 'help' button for how you can do this. Remember that if you use different computers in different locations, you will need to ensure that each browser is adjusted to suit your cookie preferences.

For more information on the new legislation regarding cookies, see the Information Commissioners Office's website - [ICO](https://ico.org.uk)

For useful information on cookies, visit [aboutcookies.org](https://aboutcookies.org). These will open in a new window, please note that we can't be responsible for the content of external websites.

## 6. Specific Cookies

Name	Purpose	Expires
dbs_login	Used to forward the request to the server holding the application session of the browsing session	Session (Browser Close) necessary
_WL_AUTHCOOKIE_JSESSIONID	Used to link browsing session with application session	Session (Browser Close) necessary
TSXXXXXXXX	Used to track user's browsing behaviour, XXXXXXXX – is an alphanumeric number	Session (Browser Close) persistent
JSESSIONID	Used to link browsing session with application session	Session (Browser Close) necessary
TSXXXXXXXXXX	Used to track user's browsing behaviour, XXXXXXXX_XX – is an alphanumeric number	Session (Browser Close) persistent
OAMAuthnCookie_barring.omeoffice.gov.uk:443	Used for User Authentication	Session (Browser Close) necessary

## 7. Legal Notice Update

We reserve the right to make any changes and corrections to this notice. Please refer to this page from time to time to review these and new additional information.