

Garda Vetting to become a legal requirement

The National Vetting Bureau Act 2012 is due to commence on the 29th of April.

The Act will provide a legislative basis for the mandatory vetting of persons who wish to undertake certain work or activities relating to children or vulnerable persons or to provide certain services to children or vulnerable persons.

What does this mean for Triathlon Ireland

1. Coaches/leaders/helpers (paid and unpaid) looking to work on a regular and continuous basis with juniors or vulnerable persons may not commence their role until their Garda vetting application is complete through Triathlon Ireland.
2. Some convictions will no longer be disclosed and the administrative filter is being replaced by section 14a of the Criminal Justice Act (Spent convictions and certain disclosures) Act 2016.
3. Relevant 'specified/soft' information will be made available in vetting disclosures.

E Vetting

The National Vetting Bureau is currently piloting the e-vetting system which will be available to us in the coming months. Until then the Vetting Bureau have provided a new form to be used. This form requires additional information including passport number (if available) and mother's maiden name,

New Requirements

Triathlon Ireland have been identification proofing for the last two years however, the Vetting Bureau have now made ID Proofing mandatory and have requested that the Governing bodies store copies of the ID shown. The ID will be stored in password protected files.

This must be repeated each time a vetting is completed. Triathlon Ireland requires re vetting every 3 years.

How to apply for Garda Vetting

The following are the steps to complete Garda Vetting:

1. Complete a new form- ensuring you have signed and dated the form.
2. Complete an ID Proofing form (Form 8a). Show 3 relevant original pieces of ID to appropriate person - listed on the form. Complete all sections of this form before sending.
3. Make copies of the ID shown.
4. Post Vetting form, ID proofing form and photocopies of ID to the following address:

Niamh O' Gorman
Triathlon Ireland
Unit E2 Glencormack Business Park
Kilmacanogue
Bray
Co. Wicklow
A98 A6F9

Current coaches

There will be a period of time for retrospective vetting for those already in situ.

Adult only coaches

Please note if you are not coaching juniors or vulnerable adults you can complete a vetting exemption in your coaching cert application.

Definitions:

Regular and continuous: It is not defined in the act so TI will be using a definition from Access NI which is as follows:

Carried out by the same person frequently (once a week or more often), or on 4 or more days in a 30-day period, or overnight.

Specified/soft information: This is information other than criminal convictions where such information leads to a bona-fide belief that a person poses a threat to children or vulnerable persons.

Links to Forms:

[New Vetting form](#)

[New ID Proofing form \(Form 8a\)](#)

[Vetting exemption form \(Form 8b\)](#)

Links to websites and information:

[National Vetting Bureau Act 2012](#)

[Criminal Justice Act \(Spent convictions and certain disclosures\) Act 2016](#)

[List of excluded convictions for the purposes of section 14a](#)

[List of non disclosed convictions for the purpose of section 14a](#)

[Garda.ie](#)

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