



To: All schools

Date: March 2019

From: ABLs Inspectorate

Re: Notice of change to criterion for homestays hosting adult students only

Detail of Criterion Change

Following official clarification of disclosure eligibility with regard to adult student homestay accommodation, the inspectorate has made a change to the ABLs Standard to take immediate effect.

Previously, the ABLs Standard (Section 5) required the following for all homestays accommodating adult students:

- a DBS check to be undertaken for the lead member of a homestay location.

This will change to the following requirement:

- suitability declarations for all adult occupants of the location

Note

Schools are reminded that for students under the age of 18, the following requirements in Section 6 remain unchanged:

- Enhanced DBS checks for all teaching staff
- Enhanced DBS checks for homestay leads in each location and suitability declarations for all other adult occupants

Any queries regarding this change should be directed to the ABLs Administration Team at admin@ablsaccreditation.co.uk

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