



4th March 2013

Re: Implementation of National Vetting Legislation (Republic of Ireland)

Dear Scouter,

Further to our letter to you on 6th September 2012 re incoming Garda Vetting legislation in the Republic, please note that the law was enacted on 26th December and will be coming fully into force on 1st March 2013. The Act states as follows;

Part 3, 12, (1)

A relevant organisation shall not employ (whether under contract of employment or otherwise) any person to undertake relevant work or activities

Unless the organisation receives a vetting disclosure from the National Vetting Bureau in respect of that person.

A person who contravenes *subsection (1) above* shall be guilty of an offence.

In preparation for the above Act, the National Secretary advised on the 6th September that no adult applying for membership after 28th September 2012 should commence involvement with young people unless they have received written confirmation of their membership including vetting from National Office.

Your group should already be compliant if you followed the 6th September letter i.e. new volunteers after 28th September should not be commencing any involvement with young people until vetting and membership are confirmed by National Office.

Yours in Scouting

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National Secretary

CC:

- Group Leader
- County Commissioners
- Programme Commissioners
- Training Commissioner
- National Team Leaders
- Camp Chiefs
- Honorary Vice Presidents
- National Management Committee
- Scouting Ireland Staff

Relevant Correspondence

- [18 - Vetting Legislation \(ROI\) – 6th September 2012](#)
- [23 - Clarification: Vetting Legislation \(ROI\) – 10th October 2012](#)

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