

IMPORTANT - New GAA Garda Vetting Procedure

Effective from August 2025

Please read carefully and note the changes to the previous application procedures highlighted below:

Step 1 Applicant and Validator complete the Identity Documentation
(In-person)

The applicant must print and complete the **GAA NVB1 Invitation Form** and meet their Club Children's Officer (CCO) in person.

The applicant will provide:

- completed **GAA NVB1 Invitation Form** to their CCO
- a copy of photo ID (must comply with accepted documentation table)
- a copy proof of address (must comply with accepted documentation table)

Your CCO, who is the Validator, will complete and sign off the **GAA Identity Document Validation Form** in your presence and shall retain the hard copy of your **GAA NVB1 Invitation** form for six months.

You (the applicant) must take a copy (or a photo) of the completed **GAA NVB1 Invitation Form** and the **Identity Document validation Form**.

It is a requirement by the Garda National Vetting Bureau that an individual seeking vetting is validated that the individual is who they say they are. Therefore, you must

provide proof of your identity to be vetted. You must complete this requirement at the initial step of your application, failure to do so will see your application rejected.

The full list of documents which are accepted for verification can be found here

Step 2 Create an account/Logging in to Foireann

Create an account or [Log in to Foireann](#) to begin the vetting process.

Step 3 Gaelic Games Vetting Invitation Form

- Log in to Foireann and check that all current details on your profile are correct and complete e.g. Date of birth, Eircode/Postcode and email address
- Click on Qualifications and Vetting Tab
- Click on the 'Apply to be Vetted' Tab then select your Club and or Association you wish to be vetted for and the role you are applying for vetting**. [A list of roles can be found here.](#)*
- Upload a copy or screenshot of all documents and forms validated by your CCO as part of your vetting application.

Click here for guidance on [how to complete Gaelic Games Vetting Invitation Form](#)

Step 4 Completing the Garda National Vetting Bureau (NVB) EVetting Process

- Once you complete the GAA NVB1 Invitation Form the information provided is forwarded to the NVB by the GAA.
- **You will receive an email to your email address on your Foireann profile with NVB Vetting Invitation to complete (*please be vigilant for this email*)**
- **Complete this invitation immediately as it expired after 30 days and the process will have to recommence. Include all details requested.**
- Under EU Directive 93 you must answer whether you have lived in the UK or EU and if so, provide the dates and addresses.
- All roles that require vetting for the GAA are roles that involve working with children – please answer ‘Yes’ to this question.
- Completing this form is a confidential matter between you and the NVB. All sections of the form including current and previous addresses, email address and contact telephone numbers, information on convictions and prosecutions (if any) are required when processing your application.
- Please ensure that if you have lived in an address in Northern Ireland that you enter the Postcode for the address.
- Once all sections of the form have been completed your application process for EVetting will return to the GAA for review and if complete it will be sent to the Garda NVB for processing.
- In a period of time determined by the Garda NVB and the GAA, you shall be contacted by the GAA to inform you as to the outcome of the vetting application.

Please Note:

Do not contact the National Vetting Bureau (NVB) regarding your application as they are unable to deal with individual requests from GAA applicants. If you have a query regarding your application, please contact the GAA by emailing evetting@gaa.ie

You and your CCO will be notified when the vetting process has been completed.

A person must be in receipt of a vetting acceptance letter before they can commence their role.

All forms can be found at the link below:

<https://www.gaa.ie/the-gaa/child-safeguarding-and-protection/vetting>

Applicants aged Under 18:

- Applicants can only apply to be vetted once they reach the age of 16
- The application must be completed by the parent / guardian on their behalf
- In addition to the steps outlined above, a parental consent form must be completed for any applicant aged under 18
- <https://gmssupport.zendesk.com/hc/en-gb/articles/4902698641426-Submitting-a-Garda-Vetting-application-for-yourself-or-on-behalf-of-a-child>

Thank you for taking the time to read through this information and please let me know if you have any questions.

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