

CJIS BACKGROUND CHECK INFORMATION

Maryland CJIS criminal background check results are emailed directly to the Maryland Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors. ***Please send *signed* FBI Privacy Act Statement directly to Maryland Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors***

BACKGROUND CHECK FAQs

We have a company that does our employee criminal background checks, can we use it?

Third party background results are not accepted. Results **must** be obtained from state and/or federal agencies.

Can I get my criminal background check through another party other than CJIS or an authorized state agency?

No, the Maryland Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors accepts criminal background checks only from CJIS and other authorized state agencies, and federal criminal background checks that come directly from the FBI.

MARYLAND CJIS CONTACT INFORMATION

To contact Maryland CJIS, please call 1-888-795-0011, or 410-764-4501.

Our **CJIS authorization number – 1400003636**. You will need this authorization code when you get fingerprinted.

The **Federal ORI number – MD920521Z**.

Effective January 1, 2019 rates for submitting federal background checks via the Maryland Criminal Justice Information System - Central Repository will increase in accordance with the fee schedule established by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Full background check (State and FBI) - \$31.25

Fingerprinting service fee - \$20.00

Visa, MC, Debit Card, or Cashier Check is accepted. The Central Repository cannot accept cash. At all CJIS locations money orders are no longer accepted for processing the application for background check requests.

Click here to contact CJIS:

www.dpscs.state.md.us/publicservs/fingerprint.shtml

NOTE: Please be advised that having a conviction on your record will not necessarily disqualify you from obtaining a license.

AGENCY PRIVACY REQUIREMENTS FOR NONCRIMINAL JUSTICE APPLICANTS

Authorized governmental and non-governmental agencies/officials that conduct a national fingerprint-based criminal history record check on an applicant for a noncriminal justice purpose (such as employment or a license, immigration or naturalization matter, security clearance, or adoption) are obligated to ensure the applicant is provided certain notices and that the results of the check are handled in a manner that protects the applicant's privacy. All notices must be provided in writing.¹ These obligations are pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974, Title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 552a, and Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 50.12, among other authorities.

- Officials must ensure that each applicant receives an adequate written FBI Privacy Act Statement (dated 2013 or later) when the applicant submits his/her fingerprints and associated personal information.²
- Officials must advise all applicants in writing that procedures for obtaining a change, correction, or update of an FBI criminal history record are set forth at 28 CFR 16.34. Information regarding this process may be found at <https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks> and <https://www.edo.cjis.gov>.
- Officials must provide the applicant the opportunity to complete or challenge the accuracy of the information in the FBI criminal history record.
- Officials should not deny the employment, license, or other benefit based on information in the FBI criminal history record until the applicant has been afforded a reasonable time to correct or complete the record or has declined to do so.
- Officials must use the FBI criminal history record for authorized purposes only and cannot retain or disseminate it in violation of federal statute, regulation or executive order, or rule, procedure or standard established by the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact Council.³

The FBI has no objection to officials providing a copy of the applicant's FBI criminal history record to the applicant for review and possible challenge when the record was obtained based on positive fingerprint identification. If agency policy permits, this courtesy will save the applicant the time and additional FBI fee to obtain his/her record directly from the FBI by following the procedures found at 28 CFR 16.30 through 16.34. It will also allow the officials to make a more timely determination of the applicant's suitability.

Each agency should establish and document the process/procedures it utilizes for how/when it gives the applicant the FBI Privacy Act Statement, the 28 CFR 50.12 notice, and the opportunity to correct his/her record. Such documentation will assist State and/or FBI auditors during periodic compliance reviews on use of FBI criminal history records for noncriminal justice purposes.

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

¹ Written notification includes electronic notification, but excludes oral notification.

² See <https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/compact-council/privacy-act-statement>

³ See 5 U.S.C. 552a(b); 28 U.S.C. 534(b); 34 U.S.C. § 40316 (formerly cited as 42 U.S.C. § 14616), Article IV(c); 28 CFR 20.21(c), 20.33(d), 50.12(b) and 906.2(d).

