

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS**

**Criminal background checks are NOT expedited for any reason.**

**Fingerprints are required to be eligible for a Physician/Osteopathic Physician license in Nebraska. The Nebraska State Patrol will not process your request for a criminal background check until you have paid the required fee to the State Patrol and the Licensure Unit has received your Physician/Osteopathic application.**

**Please read and follow these instructions carefully to avoid delays in processing.**

Even if you have recently obtained a criminal background check for another state or another license, you **MUST** obtain a new criminal background check for the license you are currently applying for in Nebraska.

### **Completing the Fingerprint Card:**

1. **Fingerprint Cards:** Fingerprint cards are available at any State Patrol office or law enforcement agency in NEBRASKA. If you live in another state, contact your local law enforcement agency. You may also contact the Licensure Unit at 402/471-2118 and cards can be mailed to you.
2. **DO NOT FOLD THE FINGERPRINT CARDS.**
3. **Information to be completed on the Fingerprint Card:**
  - a. Print your full name, address with zip code, \*Social Security Number, date and place of birth, and other information as requested. **DO NOT sign the fingerprint cards until** the law enforcement officer has verified your signature with the form of identification that you provided. **DO NOT write in the field labeled ORI.**

*\*Social Security Number: If you do not have a United States Social Security Number, you must provide in the "Miscellaneous No: MNU" section a Government issued identification number, a "consulate" number or a Passport Number. Please indicate the type of number provided.*

- b. In the box labeled "Reason Fingerprinted" PRINT 'Controlled Substance'.

### **Photo ID:**

Take one form of photo ID with you when getting your fingerprints. Acceptable forms of ID include a driver's license, visa, passport or other document showing that you are legal in the U.S.

### **FEE: \$45.25**

There are 2 ways to pay for fingerprint processing:

1. **Credit Card/E-Check:** Pay \$45.25 by credit card at [www.ne.gov/go/nsp](http://www.ne.gov/go/nsp). Credit/debit card OR checking account and routing information will be required. A small transaction fee will be added to your payment. For some payments, selection of eCheck will give you a discount on your transaction fee.  
  
The website will ask you to select the type of payment you are making. Under 'transaction type' you need to choose "Controlled Substance". You will then need to enter the applicant's name, date of birth and the last 4 digits of social security number. If a company is paying for an applicant; the applicant's information needs to be entered on this page. The second page of the website will ask for information about the payer, which may or may not be the applicant.
2. **Check or Money Order:** Payment of \$45.25 must be mailed directly to: **Nebraska State Patrol, ATTN: CID, 3800 NW 12th ST, STE A, Lincoln NE 68521.**

The Nebraska State Patrol does not charge an additional fee for the service of taking your fingerprints. However, other law enforcement agencies in Nebraska or in other states may charge a fee.

## Fingerprinting Process:

There are 2 ways to capture your fingerprints:

- **Live Scan:** Live Scan is available at all Nebraska State Patrol locations listed below and the fingerprints are captured electronically. The Nebraska State Patrol does not accept Live Scan prints from other states at this time. If you are out of state and have Live Scan prints, you will need to request that your fingerprints be printed out onto cards.
- **Ink and Paper Finger Prints:** Applicants outside of Nebraska or at an office other than the below listed State Patrol offices have traditional ink and paper fingerprinting.

<b>Offices of the Nebraska State Patrol and the Days/Hours that Fingerprinting is Conducted</b>	
Troop A 4411 S 108th ST <b>Omaha NE 68137</b> Phone: 402-331-3333	Monday- Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (walk-in only)
Troop B 1401 Eisenhower AVE <b>Norfolk NE 68701</b> Phone: 402-370-3456	Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (appointment required)
Troop C 3431 Old Potash Highway <b>Grand Island NE 68801</b> Phone: 308-385-6000	Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Thursdays 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (appointment required)
Troop D 300 West South River Rd <b>North Platte NE 69103</b> Phone: 308-535-6604	Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (appointment required)
Troop E 4500 Avenue I <b>Scottsbluff NE 69361</b> Phone: 308-632-1211	Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (appointment required)
Troop H Investigative Services Center 3800 NW 12th ST STE A <b>Lincoln NE 68521</b> Phone: 402-479-4971	Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (appointment required)

## Where do you send the fingerprint cards?

**You must send all fingerprint cards to the following address:**

Criminal Identification Division (CID)  
3800 NW 12th ST STE A  
Lincoln NE 68521

**Criminal Background Check Notification:** Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §38-131 (provided below), an applicant for an initial license to practice as a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse or to practice a profession which is authorized to prescribe controlled substances shall be subject to a criminal background check. Applicants are able to receive any national criminal history record that may pertain to them directly from the FBI, pursuant to 28 CFR Sections 16.30-16.34, and may then freely disclose any such information to whomever they choose. Applicants must authorize the dissemination of any national criminal history record that may pertain to them to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) when applying for licensure. Applicants are entitled to challenge the accuracy and completeness of any information contained in any such report and will be provided a copy of the criminal history background report, if any, received if they appear at the DHHS in person and present proper identification. Information on how to challenge an applicant's federal report can be found at FBI.gov. To challenge an applicant's Nebraska state record, contact the Nebraska State Patrol-Criminal Identification Division. Applicants may obtain a prompt determination as to the validity of their challenge before the DHHS makes a final decision about their application for licensure.

Neb. Rev. Stat. §38-131 - **Criminal background check; when required.** (1) An applicant for an initial license to practice as a registered nurse, a licensed practical nurse, a physical therapist, a physical therapy assistant, a psychologist, an advanced emergency medical technician, an emergency medical technician, or a paramedic or to practice a profession which is authorized to prescribe controlled substances shall be subject to a criminal background check. A criminal background check may also be required for initial licensure or reinstatement of a license governed by the Uniform Credentialing Act if a criminal background check is required by an interstate licensure compact. Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the applicant shall submit with the application a full set of fingerprints which shall be forwarded to the Nebraska State Patrol to be submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history record information check. The applicant shall authorize release of the results of the national criminal history record information check to the department. The applicant shall pay the actual cost of the fingerprinting and criminal background check.). (2) This section shall not apply to a dentist who is an applicant for a dental locum tenens under section 38-1122, to a physician or osteopathic physician who is an applicant for a physician locum tenens under section 38-2036, or to a veterinarian who is an applicant for a veterinarian locum tenens under section 38-3335. (3) An applicant for a temporary educational permit as defined in section 38-2019 shall have ninety days from the issuance of the permit to comply with subsection (1) of this section and shall have his or her permit suspended after such ninety-day period if the criminal background check is not complete or revoked if the criminal background check reveals that the applicant was not qualified for the permit. **Source:** Laws 2005, LB 306, § 2; Laws 2005, LB 382, § 15; Laws 2006, LB 833, § 1; R.S.Supp., 2006, § 71-104.01; Laws 2007, LB247, § 60; Laws 2007, LB463, § 31; Laws 2007, LB481, § 2; Laws 2011, LB687, § 1; Laws 2015, LB129, § 1; Laws 2018, LB731, § 1; Laws 2018, LB1034, § 5.

## **PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT**

**Authority:** The FBI's acquisition, preservation, and exchange of fingerprints and associated information is generally authorized under 28 U.S.C. 534. Depending on the nature of your application, supplemental authorities include Federal statutes, State statutes pursuant to Pub. L. 92-544, Presidential Executive Orders, and federal regulations. Providing your fingerprints and associated information is voluntary; however, failure to do so may affect completion or approval of your application.

**Principal Purpose:** Certain determinations, such as employment, licensing, and security clearances, may be predicated on fingerprint-based background checks. Your fingerprints and associated information/biometrics may be provided to the employing, investigating, or otherwise responsible agency, and/or the FBI for the purpose of comparing your fingerprints to other fingerprints in the FBI's Next Generation Identification (NGI) system or its successor systems (including civil, criminal, and latent fingerprint repositories) or other available records of the employing, investigating, or otherwise responsible agency. The FBI may retain your fingerprints and associated information/biometrics in NGI after the completion of this application and, while retained, your fingerprints may continue to be compared against other fingerprints submitted to or retained by NGI.

**Routine Uses:** During the processing of this application and for as long thereafter as your fingerprints and associated information/biometrics are retained in NGI, your information may be disclosed pursuant to your consent, and may be disclosed without your consent as permitted by the Privacy Act of 1974 and all applicable Routine Uses as may be published at any time in the Federal Register, including the Routine Uses for the NGI system and the FBI's Blanket Routine Uses. Routine uses include, but are not limited to, disclosures to: employing, governmental or authorized non-governmental agencies responsible for employment, contracting, licensing, security clearances, and other suitability determinations; local, state, tribal, or federal law enforcement agencies; criminal justice agencies; and agencies responsible for national security or public safety.

### **Applicant Notification and Record Challenge**

Your fingerprints will be used to check the criminal history records of the FBI. You have the opportunity to complete or challenge the accuracy of the information contained in the FBI identification record. The procedure for obtaining a change, correction, or updating an FBI identification record are set forth in Title 28, CFR, 16.34. You can find additional information on the FBI website at <https://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/background-checks>.