

Privacy Act Statement

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

Social Security Account Number (SSAN): Your SSAN is needed to keep records accurate because other people may have the same name and birth date. Under the Federal Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a), the requesting agency is responsible for informing you whether the disclosure is mandatory or voluntary, by what statutory or other authority your SSAN is solicited, and what uses will be made of it. Executive Order 9397 also asks Federal agencies to use this number to help identify individuals in agency records.

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 the FBI to compare 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. AFTER COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION, the FBI may retain your fingerprints and associated information/biometrics in NGI. While possessed, 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 after that 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.

Additional Information: The requesting agency or the agency conducting the application investigation will provide you with additional information pertinent to the specific circumstances of this application, which may include identification of other authorities, purposes, uses, and consequences of not providing the requested information. In addition, any such agency in the Federal Executive Branch has also published a notice in the Federal Register describing any systems(s) of records in which that agency may also maintain your records, including the authorities, purposes, and routine uses for the system(s).

Applicant Rights and Consent to Fingerprint

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As an applicant who is the subject of a national fingerprint-based criminal history record check for a noncriminal justice purpose (such as an application for employment or a license, an immigration or naturalization matter, security clearance, or adoption), you have certain rights, which are discussed below.

- You must be provided written notification⁸ by the Cannabis Control Division that your fingerprints will be used to check the criminal history records of the FBI.
- You must be provided and acknowledge receipt of an adequate Privacy Act Statement when you submit your fingerprints and associated personal information. This Privacy Act Statement should explain the authority for collecting your information and how your information will be used, retained, and shared.
- If you have a criminal history record, the officials determining your suitability for employment, license, or other benefit must provide you the opportunity to complete or challenge the accuracy of the information in the record.
- The officials must advise you that the procedures for obtaining a change, correction, or updating of your criminal history record are outlined in Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 16.34.
- If you have a criminal history record, you should be afforded a reasonable amount of time to correct or complete
 the document (or decline to do so) before the officials deny you employment, license, or other benefit based on
 information in the criminal history record.9

You have the right to expect that officials receiving the results of the criminal history record check will use it only for authorized purposes and will not retain or disseminate it in violation of a federal statute, regulation or executive order, rule, procedure, or standard established by the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact Council.¹⁰

If agency policy permits, the officials may provide you with a copy of your FBI criminal history record for review and possible challenge. Suppose agency policy does not enable it to provide you with a copy of the document. In that case, you may obtain a copy of the record by submitting fingerprints and a fee to the FBI. Information regarding this process may be obtained at http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/background-checks.

Suppose you decide to challenge the accuracy or completeness of your FBI criminal history record. In that case, you should send your challenge to the agency that contributed the questioned information to the FBI. Alternatively, send your challenge directly to the FBI at the address provided above. The FBI will then forward your challenge to the agency that contributed the questioned information and request the agency to verify or correct the challenged entry. Upon receipt of an official communication from that agency, the FBI will make any necessary changes/corrections to your record per the information supplied by that agency.

If a change, correction, or update needs to be made to a Montana criminal history record, or if you need additional information or assistance, please get in touch with Montana Criminal Records and Identification Services at doi:totalcommut.gov or 406-444-3625.

Your signature below acknowledges that this agency has informed you of your privacy rights for fingerprint or name-based background check requests, whichever is applicable.

Signature	Date	
Printed Name		

This form must be returned to the Cannabis Control Division before background checks will be processed.

⁸ Written notification includes electronic notification, but excludes oral notification.

⁹ See 28 CFR 50.12(b).

¹⁰ See 5 U.S.C. 552a(b); 28 U.S.C. 534(b); 42 U.S.C. 14616, Article IV(c); 28 CFR 20.21(c), 20.33(d) and 906.2(d).