



Criminal Records Check Required for Initial Registration – Pharmacy Technicians

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The Ohio Revised Code requires pharmacy technicians (trainee, registered, certified) to submit to a criminal records check as part of the initial registration process. The law requires the applicant to submit fingerprints to the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The results of the criminal records check will then be required to be forwarded to the Board of Pharmacy for review.

REMINDER: Results will only be considered valid if the fingerprint impressions were obtained within twenty-four months of the date an application is received by the Board.

Board of Pharmacy rules require an applicant to obtain fingerprint impressions at a **WebCheck (BCI & FBI)** provider agency. The Board will only accept a criminal records check based on electronic fingerprint impressions submitted to a WebCheck (BCI & FBI) designated provider agency located in Ohio, except under any of the following circumstances:

1. Readable electronic fingerprint impressions cannot be obtained or are rejected by either BCI or FBI;
2. The applicant is from out-of-state; or
3. The applicant's home address is seventy-five miles or more from the nearest WebCheck location.

To view a complete list of WebCheck (BCI & FBI) provider agencies please visit the WebCheck Community Listing located at this direct link on the Ohio Attorney General's website:

<https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Business/Services-for-Business/WebCheck/WebcheckCommunity-Listing>

All eighty-eight county sheriffs' offices are WebCheck (BCI & FBI) providers even if they are not listed on the WebCheck Community Listing. If you select an agency other than a sheriff's office, please make sure that it has "**(BCI & FBI)**" listed after the name. Contact the WebCheck (BCI & FBI) provider agency to determine the total fee(s) and the accepted method(s) of payment. Fees generally range anywhere between \$50-\$80 for both the BCI and FBI check. Also, make sure to verify if any additional materials are needed (e.g. photo id). Some agencies have restricted hours and may require you to schedule an appointment.

While at the WebCheck (BCI & FBI) provider site:

1. Request both a BCI and FBI criminal records check
2. Pay the required fees directly to the WebCheck (BCI & FBI) provider
3. Request the background check results be sent **electronically (direct copy)** to: Ohio Board of Pharmacy 77 S. High Street, 17th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215-6126
4. Indicate the reason fingerprinted as either:
 - For trainee applicants - **ORC 4729.92**
 - For registered or certified applicants - **ORC 4729.90**
5. If requested, list agency code as: **1AB002**

Manual submission of fingerprint impressions:

Applicants who are unable to visit an Ohio WebCheck provider in person, may submit manual/inked fingerprint impressions for BCI and FBI criminal records checks directly to Ohio BCI by utilizing the appropriate fingerprint cards. The Board will mail cards directly to the applicant's address. Please notify the Board immediately if the fingerprint cards should be mailed to an alternative address than the address indicated on your application submission.

The applicant will be required to locate an agency to ink and roll the applicant's fingerprints directly onto the provided cards. Many local law enforcement agencies offer this service and may charge a processing fee. Applicants are strongly encouraged to complete multiple cards

in the event the fingerprint impressions are of poor or insufficient quality to complete a criminal records check.

Both (BCI and FBI) fingerprint cards and two checks (one \$22.00 check for BCI and one \$24.00 check for FBI) written to “Treasurer, State of Ohio” must be mailed to:

Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation
P.O. Box 365
London, OH 43140

IMPORTANT: Fingerprint cards and payments should not be sent to the Board of Pharmacy. Any fingerprint cards sent directly to the Board will be destroyed immediately upon receipt and the applicant will be required to complete new fingerprint cards.

Please note, manual submission of fingerprint cards may cause the background check process to take over eight weeks. All applicants are strongly encouraged to submit electronic fingerprint impressions in-person at a WebCheck provider when possible.