

Fingerprinting Requirements

Your fingerprints will be used to check your criminal history records with the FBI [28 CFR 50.12(b)]. Procedures for obtaining a change, correction, or updating of an FBI identification record are set forth in 28 CFR 16.34.

This license application must be accompanied by a complete fingerprint card (may be used for the Alaska Department of Public Safety (DPS) and for the FBI national check). Fingerprint cards submitted must be one original 8" x 8" card (printed in black/pale blue ink on cardstock); you may also use the standard FBI Form FD-258. Take the card, the instructions and photo identification to local law enforcement or other authorized agency to have the fingerprinting done. Follow these instructions and the back of the fingerprint card.

DPS/the FBI will not accept any fingerprint cards that do not comply with the following:

1. No staples or staple holes are permitted in fingerprint cards. Also, do not tape, tear or fold the cards.
2. Ensure the prints are done properly and well. Poor quality prints, smudging, non-rolled or incomplete fingerprints will cause the cards to be rejected by DPS, the FBI or both.
3. All applicable sections of the top portion of the card must be legible and complete. The information/signatures must be typed, printed or signed in BLACK ink; no other color is permitted. Individual information blocks on the fingerprint cards must be filled in as follows:

NAME: Applicant's last name (comma), first name, then middle name (if any); suffix denoting seniority (Jr., Sr., II, etc.) follow the middle or first name.

SIGNATURE OF PERSON FINGERPRINTED: Must be signed by the applicant.

RESIDENCE OF PERSON FINGERPRINTED: Enter the applicant's physical residence address.

DATE: Date fingerprinting was done.

SIGNATURE OF OFFICIAL TAKING FINGERPRINTS: Signature of the person who rolled the fingerprints.

EMPLOYER AND ADDRESS AND REASON FINGERPRINTED: These blocks to be completed by the State of Alaska.

ALIASES/AKA: List other names used by the applicant that are different than that entered in NAME block; also, list maiden names and all previous married names of females.

CITIZENSHIP/CTZ: Enter US if a citizen of the United States; otherwise, enter the correct country abbreviation.

YOUR NO./OCA: Leave this space blank (Originating Agency Case Number).

FBI NO./FBI: Enter the applicant's assigned FBI number, if known.

ARMED FORCES NO./MNU: Leave this space blank.

SOCIAL SECURITY NO./SOC: List the applicant's Social Security Number.

MISC. NO./MNU: If Alaska resident, enter the applicant's Alaska driver's license or state ID# (if applicable).

ORIGINATING AGENCY IDENTIFIER (ORI): Leave blank, will be printed with AKAST0100, DPS, ANCHORAGE, AK.

SEX: F (Female), M (Male) or U (Unknown). Note: Those are the only codes recognized by the FBI. Recommendation is to use the sex declared on the State driver's license or identification card, if applicable.

RACE: Race must be indicated by one of the following one-character alphabetic codes:

A = Asian, Pacific Islander, Chinese, Japanese, Polynesian, Korean, Vietnamese

B = Black

I = American Indian, Alaskan Native, Eskimo

W = White, Mexican, Latin, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central/South American and other Spanish cultures

U = Unknown

HEIGHT: Must be shown in feet and inches, fractions rounded off to nearest inches (i.e., 5'11" entered as 511).

WEIGHT: Must be expressed in pounds, fractions rounded off to nearest pound.

EYES: Indicate eye color by one of the following three-character codes:

BLK = Black

GRY = Gray

MAR = Maroon

UNK = Unknown

BLU = Blue

GRN = Green

MUL = Multicolored

BRO = Brown

HAZ = Hazel

PNK = Pink

HAIR: Indicate hair color by one of the following three-character codes:

BLK = Black

BRO = Brown

ONG = Orange

RED = Red or Auburn

XXX = Unknown or

BLN = Blonde or Strawberry

GRN = Green

PLE = Purple

SDY = Sandy

Completely Bald

BLU = Blue

GRY = Gray or Partially Gray

PNK = Pink

WHI = White

PLACE OF BIRTH/POB: List the state, territorial possession, Canadian province, or country of birth. Use the correct abbreviation for foreign countries or correctly spell the country's name. Do not use city or county names as a POB.

DATE OF BIRTH/DOB: Enter birth date as month, day, year. Fingerprint cards of persons 80+ years of age are not processed by the FBI. Note: If DOB is blank, the card will be immediately returned unprocessed.

FINGERPRINT IMPRESSION BLOCKS: (Individual and Simultaneous) It is very important care be taken to prepare the fingerprint cards properly. It will save much more time and avoid rejections to assure acceptability the first time. Use black printer's ink. Fingers should be clean and dry before being inked. Use neither too much nor too little ink, nor too much nor too little pressure to make the impressions. To help ensure legibility, all 10 fingers must be rolled from nail to nail and include the first flexion crease. Detail must be sufficient on all 10 individual prints to clearly define the loop, whorl, arch, or other pattern. Roll the prints in the correct sequence.

All instructions must be followed correctly. All information on the cards is essential. Double check your work before sending the card. Illegible, incomplete, or incorrect cards will be rejected and returned unprocessed.