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New Requirement

Introduction

 House Bill 975, Background Screening and Certifications, passed during the 2024 Legislative Session, establishing background screening requirements for health care professions regulated by the Florida Department of Health, Division of Medical Quality Assurance.







How It Works

Act Now – Don't Delay!

Know Your Timeline.

- The background screening process **takes time** due to multiple steps and processing delays.
- Waiting too long can result in licensing delays.

What Happens if You Don't Comply?

- No background screening = No license.
- You cannot obtain your license without completing this requirement.

Start the process early to avoid disruptions!





Steps to Initiate and Track Screenings:

1. Schedule an appointment with a Livescan provider.

 Visit the Locate a Provider page at <u>https://flhealthsource.gov/background-</u> <u>screening/bgs-providers/</u>

Important:

You are responsible for screening costs – fees vary by provider. Check pricing and availability in advance to avoid delays!





Steps to Initiate and Track Screenings:

2. Bring your ORI Number to your Fingerprinting Appointment.

• ORI Numbers can be found at <u>flhealthsource.gov/background-</u><u>screening/bgs-requirements/</u>.

3. Request your Transaction Control Number (TCN).

- Before you leave, ask the Livescan provider for your TCN to track your results.
- **Important:** The Department cannot retrieve your TCN if you lose it.



Steps to Initiate and Track Screenings:

Track the submission of your prints by entering your TCN at the Florida Department of Law Enforcement TCN Lookup:

cchinet.fdle.state.fl.us/search/app/tcnlookup?2.





Privacy Statement

Acknowledge the Privacy Statement

• When applying for or renewing your license, you must agree to the privacy statement regarding electronic fingerprinting within the application.

Important:

- If the privacy statement is not received, your fingerprinting results CANNOT be shared with the Department.
- This will delay your application for initial licensure or renewal





Resources

- FLHealthSource.gov/Background-Screening
- ELI, MQA's Virtual Agent
- MQA.BackgroundScreen@FLHealth.gov



