



Royal Canadian Mounted Police

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Criminal record checks

A criminal record check will determine if you have been charged or convicted of a crime. If a name-based criminal record check does not provide a definite way of confirming your identity, you may be asked to provide fingerprints. The use of fingerprints is the most accurate way to confirm a person's identity. They ensure that individuals cannot evade their criminal past, and protect individuals from being falsely associated with a criminal record that is not theirs.



Where to go

Find out where to get a fingerprint-based criminal record check and the steps involved for Canadians living in or outside of Canada.

Vulnerable sector checks

A vulnerable sector check includes a criminal record check and a check for suspensions for sexual offences. [Find out more.](#)

Types of certified criminal record checks

Your certified criminal record check will show different information depending on the type of application. Find out what can appear if you have a criminal record.

Processing times and fees

Find out about processing times and fees for certified criminal record checks and vulnerable sector checks at CCRTIS.

Why get a criminal record check

A criminal record check may be needed for various reasons and may be required periodically. [Find out more.](#)

How your personal information is used

When you apply for a certified criminal record check, you provide your fingerprints and personal information. Find out how this information is used.

Private fingerprinting companies accredited by the RCMP

Find companies who are authorized to take fingerprints for civil purposes.

Forms

Find forms for individuals, businesses and police that relate to certified criminal record check applications and criminal record information management.

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