



# 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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