

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

CERTIFIED CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK

POLICE INFORMATION CHECK

What is a Certified Criminal Record Check?

It is a search of Ottawa's National Repository of Criminal Records to reveal charges and convictions that pertain to the applicant whose fingerprints were taken.

Will I need my fingerprints taken?

Yes. They are digitally scanned and sent to Ottawa for comparison against the National Repository for Criminal Records.

When will I need a Certified Criminal Record Check?

It is required for:

- Adoption
- Canadian citizenship
- Landed migrancy
- Foreign travel/work/visa/border crossing
- Name changes
- Record suspension (pardon)
- Privacy Act request
- It may also be required for paid or volunteer employment.

What information does it provide?

It lists all charges and convictions that apply to the applicant whose fingerprints were provided. If a vulnerable sector search is also requested, the check may disclose sexual offence convictions for which a pardon was previously granted.

How much does it cost?

Depending on the reason for the certified criminal record check, you will be asked to pay a fee to the City of Campbell River in the amount of \$26.25. This can be paid by cash or debit. We do not accept credit cards. You may also be asked to pay a fee, in cash only, to the Receiver General for Canada in the amount of \$25 on the day you get your prints taken.

What is a Police Information Check?

It is a search of police records, databases and court files which reveal convictions, non-convictions and any adverse contact that the applicant has had with the police.

Will I need my fingerprints taken?

Possibly. If you are working with people considered to be in the Vulnerable Sector, such as children, seniors, and mentally or physically challenged individuals, you may be required to submit your fingerprints.

When will I need a Police Information Check?

It is required for volunteer employment and paid employment, at the employer's request. Some educational institutions require a check for program entry, and landlords may also request a check prior to signing a rental agreement.

What information does it provide?

It provides offence information, including convictions, non-convictions and adverse information available in police agency databases. If a vulnerable sector search is also requested, the check may disclose sexual offence convictions for which a pardon was previously granted.

How much does it cost?

If you are getting a Police Information Check for paid employment, education or tenancy, you will be charged \$42. This can be paid by cash or debit. We do not accept credit cards.

There is no fee for having fingerprints taken due to a vulnerable sector search. If you are volunteering in Campbell River, all fees are waived.

Where can I find additional information about Criminal Record Checks?

RCMP in British Columbia RCMP - Criminal Record Checks Government of BC - Criminal Record Checks