



Background Checks

FBI National Rap Back Overview

Overview of Changes

Effective January 13, 2019, Child Care Licensing (CCL) begins participating in the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) National Rap Back service.

Currently, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) sends CCL new and updated information about arrests that occur in Texas for a person who has had a fingerprint check. Through the National Rap Back service, the FBI will send CCL new and updated information about arrests that occur in any state or US Territory for a person who has had a fingerprint check *and* is enrolled in the National Rap Back service.

Who is eligible for National Rap Back?

The FBI bases a person's eligibility to enroll in the National Rap Back service on the date the person first submitted his or her fingerprints and the date the FBI accepted or rejected the fingerprints.

A person is *eligible* for the National Rap Back service and will be automatically enrolled in the service if:

- The person submitted his or fingerprints on or after June 1, 2015; and
- The FBI accepted the person's fingerprints.

Once a person is enrolled in the National Rap Back service, the person will not need to submit fingerprints again.

Who is NOT eligible for National Rap Back?

A person is *not eligible* for the National Rap Back Service and will not be automatically enrolled in the service if:

- The person submitted his or her fingerprints before June 1, 2015; or
- The FBI rejected the person's fingerprints.

What happens if a person is not eligible for National Rap Back?

A person who first submitted fingerprints before June 1, 2015 must resubmit fingerprints when the person's next renewal check is due, which will be five years from the date of the person's last background check. If the FBI accepts the person's fingerprints, the person will not have to submit fingerprints again in the future.

If the FBI rejected the person's fingerprints (regardless of the date the person first submitted fingerprints), the FBI will perform a name-based search. The FBI's name-based results expire after five years and the person will have to resubmit fingerprints every five years with the person's renewal check.

What Information Does National Rap Back Provide?

The National Rap Back service provides the following information:

- New Arrests from all states and US Territories;
- Updates to dispositions, such as a conviction, dismissal, or probation;
- Subsequent expungements or partial expungements (record removal); and
- Updates to the Sex Offender Registry, such as changing information or removing or adding persons.

A person's eligibility to be present at an operation can change based on new or updated information received from the National Rap Back service. Operations will receive updated eligibility notices anytime the person's eligibility to be present at the operation changes.

Are There Any Additional Requirements for the National Rap Back Service?

To participate in the National Rap Back service, the FBI requires CCL to have an updated list of persons associated with each operation. Therefore, the rules that become effective on January 13, 2019 require each operation to:

- Inactivate a person when the person is no longer associated with your operation; and
- Validate that the list of persons associated with your operation is accurate on a regular basis.

Operations may inactivate a person's association with the operation and validate the list of persons associated with the operation through the operation's online Child Care Licensing Account. For more information on validating employee lists, see *Background Checks, Employee List Validation*.