Criminal Background Check



The State Bureau of Identification partners with IdentoGO, operated by IDEMIA, to provide secure identity and background check services, including electronic fingerprinting and biometric enrollment, for employment, licensing, certification, and other screening requirements. This partnership streamlines the collection and submission of applicant information for criminal history and identity verification checks.

SMART-E Kiosk

Beginning on October 5, 2026, the State Bureau of Identification (SBI) will transition fingerprinting services at all locations to IDEMIA's new SMART-E Kiosk. The new technology will give customers a modern, secure, and streamlined experience while maintaining remote assistance and

supervision throughout the fingerprinting process.

The SMART-E Kiosk shifts customers from traditional, staff-operated fingerprinting to a secure, remote-proctored process. Customers will use the kiosk while a trained agent remotely assists and supervises them using integrated audio and video technology.

Learn More Here

Fingerprint Locations

The State Bureau of Identification maintains two enrollment centers (Dover and Georgetown). Additional enrollment centers are available through partner locations statewide. Click the link below to find the enrollment center nearest you.

SBI - Dover
600 S. Bay Road
Dover, Delaware 19901

SBI - Georgetown
546 S. Bedford Street
Georgetown, Delaware 19947

Partner Locations
IdentoGO Locations

Schedule an Appointment

To schedule a fingerprint appointment or to utilize our mail-in service, please click on the link below. We will not accept mail-in services at our locations. Any mail-in requests sent to our locations will experience significant delays.

Schedule Here

The agency, entity, or organization requiring you to get fingerprinted should have provided you with a service code. You will need this service code to complete your registration. If you do not have a service code, please contact the agency, entity, or organization requesting your certified criminal history and obtain their service code.

The fee for a certified State of Delaware Criminal History is $72.00.

The fee for a certified State of Delaware and Federal Criminal History (must be mandated by law) is $85.00.

Please see the registration page for available payment options. A certified criminal history report is obtained through fingerprints. You must provide identification. Accepted forms of identification are identified on the registration page.

Permit to Purchase

The service code required for obtaining a handgun qualified purchaser permit (permit to purchase) is **27S8N2**. This code is strictly for permit-to-purchase background checks. We will not accept any other code, and you will have to pay to be fingerprinted again using the correct code. For more information regarding the Permit to Purchase requirements and process, please click here.

Permit to Purchase Service Code: 27S8N2

Personal Criminal History Report

The service code to receive a personal certified Delaware Criminal History Report is **27RVGT**. Please note that this report will not fulfill the criminal history report for legally mandated agencies, entities, or organizations. This report is for the personal use of a citizen and will only be issued to the requesting citizen.

Personal Criminal History – Service Code 27RVGT

Please be advised, if this document is needed for use in a foreign country, after you receive your results you will need to come into our Dover office to have them further sealed before sending them to the Division of Corporations to be Apostilled/Authenticated. Our Dover office is located at 600 S. Bay Road, Dover, Delaware.

Printed Fingerprint Cards

If you need a fingerprint card, please use service code **1111G2**. Please note that this selection will provide only a printed fingerprint card containing your fingerprints. This will not provide you with a background check from the State Bureau of Identification. This service costs $30.00.

Service Code 1111G2

If you have a specific requirement that your fingerprints must be taken by a LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (such as for a concealed carry permit in some states), you must respond to the State Bureau of Identification location at 600 S. Bay Rd, Dover, DE 19901. No other IdentoGO location can satisfy this LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY requirement. This only applies to individuals who have a requirement that their fingerprints must be taken by a law enforcement agency, all other requests can be handled at any IdentoGO site.

Expungements or Pardons

The initial fee to apply for an expungement is $72.00. After your application is reviewed, you will receive documentation indicating your eligibility for a mandatory or discretionary expungement. If you qualify for a mandatory expungement, you must return your signed paperwork within 30 days of receipt and a money order payable to the Delaware State Police for $75.00. If you do not qualify for a mandatory expungement, you will receive literature concerning the discretionary expungement process. The service code to apply for an expungement is **27S23V**.

Expungement Application – Service Code 27S23V

Delaware Volunteer Fire Service

The service code to receive a background check for the Delaware Volunteer Fire Service is **27S47F**. You should not use this code unless you have been directed here by a volunteer fire department.

Service Code 27S47F

Driving Privilege Card For Undocumented Immigrants

The service code to receive a background check for a Driver Privilege Card for undocumented immigrants is **27S424**. This must be completed prior to applying with the DMV. This service costs $72.00. Please allow 5 days before responding to the DMV.

Driving Privilege Card For Undocumented Immigrants – Service Code 27S424

Private School Registration

The State Bureau of Identification (SBI), is pleased to announce that through the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act, Delaware Private Schools now have the ability to

obtain a State and Federal background check through SBI, effective May 1st, 2017. Private schools must be registered with SBI prior to any employee being processed. To register your private school, please complete the required form. The background checks will be issued directly to the school's point of contact and will take substantially less time to complete then the current process of mailing fingerprints to the FBI directly.

Delaware Private School Background Check Registration Form
(not for personal background check reports)

If you need any other information regarding a certified criminal history, please call (302) 739-5884.