



FEDERATION OF
STATE MEDICAL BOARDS

Criminal Background Checks (CBCs)

Board-by-Board Overview

- 60 state medical boards conduct criminal background checks as a condition of initial licensure
 - 56 state medical boards require fingerprints as a condition of initial licensure
 - 59 state medical boards have access to the FBI's NCIC database

SMB	Requires CBC for initial licensure	Requires fingerprints	Board has access to NCIC (FBI Database)
AL	X	X	X
AK	—	—	—
AZ-M	X	X	X
AZ-O	X	X	X
AR	X	X	X
CA-M	X	X	X
CA-O	X	X	X
CO	X ¹	X ¹	X
CT	—	—	—
DE	X	X	X
DC	X	X	X
FL-M	X	X	X
FL-O	X	X	X
GA	X ²	X ¹	X ¹
GU	X	X ¹	X
HI	—	—	—
ID	X	X	X
IL	X	X	X
IN	X	X	X
IA	X	X	X
KS	X	X	X
KY	X	X	X
LA	X	X	X
ME-M	X ¹	X ¹	X
ME-O	X ¹	X ¹	X
MD	X	X	X

¹ CBCs and fingerprints are only required for physicians applying for licensure through the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact

² CBCs are required for each owner, principal, manager, agent, officer, and health care practitioner of a pain management clinic

SMB	Requires CBC for initial licensure	Requires fingerprints	Board has access to NCIC (FBI Database)
MA	X	—	—
MI-M	X	X	X
MI-O	X	X	X
MN	X	X	X
MS	X	X	X
MO	—	—	—
MP	—	—	—
MT	X ¹	X ¹	X
NC	X	—	X
ND	X	X	X
NE	X	X	X
NH	X	X	X
NJ	X	—	X
NM	X	X	X
NV-M	X	X	X
NV-O	X	X	X
NY	—	—	—
OH	X	X	X
OK-M	X	X	X
OK-O	X	X	X
OR	X	X	X
PA-M	X ¹	X ¹	X
PA-O	X ¹	X ¹	X
PR	—	—	—
RI	—	—	—
SC	X	X	X
SD	X	X	X
TN-M	X	X	X
TN-O	X	X	X
TX	X	X	X
UT-M	X ¹	X ¹	X
UT-O	X ¹	X ¹	X
VT-M	X ¹	X ¹	X
VT-O	X ¹	X ¹	X
VI	—	—	—
VA	X	X ³	X
WA-M	X	X	X

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³ The Virginia Board of Medicine only requires a thumbprint, not a full set of fingerprints.

SMB	Requires CBC for initial licensure	Requires fingerprints	Board has access to NCIC (FBI Database)
WA-O	X	X	X
WV-M	X	X	X
WV-O	X	X	X
WI	X ¹	X ¹	X
WY	X	X	X

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