



**FEDERATION OF  
STATE MEDICAL BOARDS**

## Criminal Background Checks

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 Federal Bureau of Investigation database

	Medical Board requires applicant to submit to criminal background check as a condition of initial licensure	Medical Board requires fingerprints	Medical 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 <sup>1</sup>	X <sup>1</sup>	X
CT	---	---	---
DE	X	X	X
DC	X	X	X
FL-M	X	X	X
FL-O	X	X	X
GA	X <sup>2</sup>	X <sup>1</sup>	X <sup>1</sup>
GU	X	X <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>1</sup>	X <sup>1</sup>	X
ME-O	X <sup>1</sup>	X <sup>1</sup>	X
MD	X	X	X
MA	X	---	---
MI-M	X	X	X
MI-O	X	X	X
MN	X	X	X
MS	X	X	X
MO	---	----	---
MP	---	----	----
MT	X <sup>1</sup>	X <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>1</sup>	X <sup>1</sup>	X
PA-O	X <sup>1</sup>	X <sup>1</sup>	X
PR	---	---	---
RI	---	---	---
SC	X	X	X
SD	X	X	X
TN-M	X	X	X
TN-O	X	X	X

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TX	X	X	X
UT-M	X <sup>1</sup>	X <sup>1</sup>	X
UT-O	X <sup>1</sup>	X <sup>1</sup>	X
VT-M	X <sup>1</sup>	X <sup>1</sup>	X
VT-O	X <sup>1</sup>	X <sup>1</sup>	X
VI	---	---	---
VA	X	X <sup>1</sup>	X
WA-M	X	X	X
WA-O	X	X	X
WV-M	X	X	X
WV-O	X	X	X
WI	X <sup>1</sup>	X <sup>1</sup>	X
WY	X	X	X

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<sup>1</sup> *Criminal background check and fingerprints are only required for physicians applying for licensure through the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact*

<sup>2</sup> *Criminal background checks are required for each owner, principal, manager, agent, officer, and licensed health care practitioner of a pain management clinic*

<sup>3</sup> *The Virginia Board of Medicine only requires a thumbprint, not a full set of fingerprints.*