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Fingerprint Background Check Instructions For Certification, College and University Applicants

Washington State law (RCW28A.410.010) requires that all applicants who do not possess a valid Washington teaching certificate at the time of application be fingerprinted for a background record check through the Washington State Patrol (WSP) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

Each educational service district (ESD) office within Washington State has the ability to process fingerprints electronically using live-scan technology. Washington State University and Central Washington University also have live-scan capabilities. Provided your fingerprints are of good quality, live-scan greatly reduces the turnaround time. However, if you have worn ridge detail you will benefit by having your fingerprints taken with black printer's ink using the ink-and-roll method.

You may select one of the following options to complete the fingerprint process:

- (1) You may complete the electronic live scan fingerprint process in person at one of the ESD locations listed below. Please contact the ESD of your choice for information regarding the submission of your fingerprints through the live scan process and any additional processing fees they may charge. **The fingerprint background check fee is \$46.25, plus the ESD's processing fee.**
- (2) If you are fingerprinted by an agency other than an ESD office using the ink-and-roll method, you must use the enclosed fingerprint card and follow the instructions on the reverse side of this sheet. For processing, **mail the completed fingerprint card and money order, cashier's check, or personal/business check made payable to the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) in the amount of \$46.25 to: OSPI, Attention: Fiscal Office, P. O. Box 47200, Olympia, WA 98504-7200.**
- (3) You may have your fingerprints processed manually by the WSP Criminal Records Division located at 3000 Pacific Avenue, Olympia, WA 98504; but you must first pay the background check processing fee to OSPI and obtain an Electronic Applicant Submission form. Having your fingerprints processed manually ensures the WSP will not reject your fingerprints due to poor print quality. **The cost for processing fingerprints manually is \$56.25, plus the WSP's processing fees.**
- (4) You may have your fingerprints processed electronically at an approved law enforcement agency that is able to transmit live scan fingerprints directly to the WSP. If you choose to do this, you must request a Request for Electronic Applicant Submission form from OSPI or an ESD. Complete the form, enclose the \$46.25 fee, and return the form to OSPI or the ESD. OSPI/ESD will process the form and return it to you by mail. Bring the processed form to a law enforcement agency and complete the fingerprint scan.

Information on both the fingerprinting and certification process can also be obtained by accessing the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction's web page at www.k12.wa.us/certification (for certification information) or <http://www.k12.wa.us/ProfPractices/fingerprint> (for fingerprint information).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Fingerprint Records Office at (360) 725-6135.

ESD 101	4202 S. Regal St.	Spokane, 99223	(509) 789-3800	http://www.esd101.net
ESD 105	33 South 2nd Ave.	Yakima, 98902	(509) 575-2885	http://www.esd105.wednet.edu
ESD 112	2500 N.E. 65th Ave.	Vancouver, 98661	(360) 750-7500	http://www.esd112.org
ESD 113	601 McPhee Rd. S.W.	Olympia, 98502	(360) 464-6709	http://www.esd113.k12.wa.us
Olympic ESD 114	105 National Ave. N.	Bremerton, 98312	(360) 478-6868	http://www.oesd.wednet.edu
Puget Sound ESD 121	800 Oakesdale Ave SW	Renton, 98057	(425) 917-7614	http://www.psesd.org
ESD 123	3918 W. Court St.	Pasco, 99301	(509) 547-8441	http://www.esd123.org
North Central ESD 171	430 Old Station Road	Wenatchee, 98801	(509) 665-2610	http://www.ncesd.org
Northwest ESD 189	1601 R Avenue	Anacortes, 98221	(360) 299-4072	http://www.esd189.org

**IN ORDER TO MEET THE FINGERPRINT REQUIREMENT, THE APPLICANT
MUST FILL OUT THE FINGERPRINT CARD AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Enter your name (including aliases), complete mailing address, social security number (optional), citizenship, date of birth and personal information (sex, race, etc.). The spaces for OCA, FBI, MNU numbers may be left blank. **A card with other missing or incomplete information will be rejected.**

Mandatory Information:

Name	Place of Birth	Date of Birth	Race	Sex	Eye Color	Hair Color	Height	Weight
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Entering your social security number is optional. However, it is very useful for verifying we have the correct individual's file when a public school district or college/university requests clearance information. Your social security number will only be used for this purpose; it will not be disseminated.

2. **SPI Applicants:** If you are submitting a certification application through an Educational Service District (ESD), please write in the EMPLOYER AND ADDRESS Section: "SPI Certification." SPI stands for Superintendent of Public Instruction.

College/University Applicants: If you are in a program at a Washington State college/university, please write the name of the college or university in the employer and address box. (Do not write "SPI Certification.")

3. If not previously stamped on the fingerprint card, insert in the section REASON FINGERPRINTED: **School District Employees/Contractors/28A.400 RCW**. *You must use this exact wording or your card will be rejected.* Also, please make sure that the ORI Section has **WA920310Z** imprinted or written in.
4. Take the fingerprint card to a law enforcement agency or to an agency authorized to take fingerprints. The agency may charge a separate fee for this service.
5. Please bring one form of picture identification to the agency taking fingerprints.
6. Provide the agency with an envelope (minimum size 9" x 12") with adequate postage.

Each agency has its own policy regarding the submission of the fingerprint card and payment to OSPI. **Mail completed card and money order, cashier's check or personal/business check made payable to the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) in the amount of \$46.25 for processing to OSPI, Attention: Fiscal Office, P.O. Box 47200, Olympia, WA 98504-7200.**

7. Please do not bend the card when mailing; this can cause the card to be rejected by the WSP.

Enclosure: Fingerprint Card

**THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE PROVIDED FOR APPLICANTS USING THE
FINGERPRINT CARD (IF YOU PLAN TO SUBMIT FINGERPRINTS
ELECTRONICALLY AT AN ESD, YOU WILL NOT NEED A FINGERPRINT CARD).**