

Livescan Fingerprint Collection Process Information

(For NA Training Programs And Nursing Education)

Beginning September 1, applicants for new licensure/certification or reactivation of a previously-issued Oregon license/certificate will have their fingerprints taken via Livescan, a digital process for fingerprint capture. The new process is easier, more reliable, and produces results faster than the traditional ink-and-paper method.

1. What is the difference between Livescan fingerprints and print cards?

Traditional fingerprints are taken by rolling each fingertip on an ink pad, and then onto a paper card. Because of the variations in how people's fingertips take the ink and the pressure used to print the card, this method has a higher percentage of difficulty in retrieving a readable fingerprint. Livescan fingerprints are captured electronically, via a digital image that can be transmitted electronically; this provides for a faster and more accurate fingerprint collection process.

2. Why switch to digital fingerprinting?

The State of Oregon has worked during the last two legislative sessions to make fingerprint background checks more efficient and less burdensome for healthcare workers, while maintaining the safety of Oregonians. One of these efforts is to switch to digital fingerprint capture. Digital fingerprinting is easier for applicants, more reliable, and produces results faster, thus reducing the time it takes to get a license. The state has contracted with Fieldprint Inc. to handle fingerprint collection services. Fieldprint Inc. has the largest network of Livescan collection sites in the country.

3. Is the process for students going to change?

The only change for applicants coming from NA training programs or nursing education programs is that, as of September 1, they must submit their licensure/certification application and payment to the Board of Nursing before getting their fingerprints.

Once the Board of Nursing has received the application and payments, we will send applicants a "Next Steps" email with further instructions and a link to take them directly to Fieldprint's webpage for nursing board applicants. This link is unique to the student's application and cannot be used by any other applicant or licensing board. After clicking the link, applicants can set up a Fieldprint user account, schedule their appointment, and pay (\$64.50) for their fingerprint collection. Applicants must have an appointment. Walk-ins will be turned away at the collection site.

4. Do applicants have to use Fieldprint?

Yes. Fieldprint is the state's contractor and has collection sites throughout Oregon and the U.S.