



## Criminal Background Checks

### *Board-by-Board Overview*

- 45 state medical boards conduct criminal background checks as a condition of initial licensure
- 39 state medical boards require fingerprints as a condition of initial licensure
- 43 state medical boards have access to the Federal Bureau of Investigation database

SMB	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	---
AZ-O	---	---	---
AR	X	X	X
CA-M	X	X	X
CA-O	X	X	X
CO	---	---	---
CT	---	---	---
DE	X	X	X
DC	X	X	X
FL-M	X	X	X
FL-O	X	X	X
GA	X (Pain clinic applicants only)	---	---
GU	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	---	---	---
ME-O	---	---	---
MD	---	---	---
MA	X	---	---
MI-M	X	X	X
MI-O	X	X	X
MN	X†	X†	X†
MS	X	X	X
MO	---	---	---
MT	---	---	---

NE	X	X	X
NV-M	X	X	X
NV-O	X	X	X
NH	X	X	X
NJ	X	---	X
NM-M	X	X	X
NM-O	X	---	X
NY	---	---	---
NC	X	---	X
ND	X	X	X
OH	X	X	X
OK-M	X	X	X
OK-O	X	X	X
OR	X	X	X
PA-M	---	---	---
PA-O	---	---	---
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
UT-O	---	---	X
VT-M	---	---	---
VT-O	---	---	---
VI	---	---	---
VA	X	X (Thumbprint only)	X
WA-M	X	X	X
WA-O	X	X	X
WV-M	---	---	---
WV-O	---	---	---
WI	---	---	---
WY	X	X	X

X† indicates the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice will conduct criminal background checks and require fingerprinting (including access to NCIC) by January 1, 2018.

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