

Criminal Record Check Background Information

Types of Criminal Record Checks:

1. Criminal record checks conducted by third party private companies
 - a. Referred to as Criminal Record Checks, Criminal Record and Judicial Matters, and/or Criminal Background Check
 - b. Tailored for individuals seeking to confirm their clean record status.
 - c. Search the National Repository of Criminal Records, which is managed by the RCMP, via the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC). This database records convictions for offences under the Criminal Code and other federal statutes.
 - d. Report on whether or not any criminal records were identified (positive/negative)
 - e. Cost: \$45-65
 - f. Processing time: typically same day
2. Criminal record checks conducted by police services in Alberta, such as the Edmonton Police Service (EPS) and Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)
 - a. Referred to as Police Information Checks or Criminal Record Checks
 - b. Search several databases, including:
 - i. CPIC
 - ii. Justice Online Information Network (Alberta Courts Database)
 - iii. Public Safety Portal System
 - iv. Local police records databases
 - c. Report on whether or not any criminal records, provincial statute convictions, outstanding charges, or upcoming court appearances were identified, with a separate report detailing any records found.
 - d. Cost: \$76 to \$78
 - e. Processing time:
 - i. Edmonton Police Service: 10 days
 - ii. Royal Canadian Mounted Police: varies by detachment (e.g. St. Albert is 2 days)