

**POLICY STATEMENT**  
**TENNESSEE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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**CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS**

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**Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1730-1-.05** An applicant (**veterinarian**) shall cause to be submitted to the Board's administrative office directly from the vendor identified in the Board's licensure application materials, the result of a criminal background check.

**Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1730-3-.05** An applicant (**veterinary medical technician**) shall cause to be submitted to the Board's administrative office directly from the vendor identified in the Board's licensure application materials, the result of a criminal background check.

**Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1730-5-.04** An applicant (**certified animal euthanasia technician**) shall cause to be submitted to the Board's administrative office directly from the vendor identified in the Board's certification application materials, the result of a criminal background check.

In an attempt to complete the most thorough search available in the applicant criminal history screening process, the FBI will conduct a name-based check for an individual whose submitted fingerprints failed to be readable two separate times by the FBI's fingerprint system. This check is in addition to a fingerprint based check completed against the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation's (TBI) system.

It is the position of the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners that all applicants must submit readable fingerprints for the required criminal background check. Any criminal background check received as a result of a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Name Search Only check due to unobtainable prints will not be considered an acceptable criminal background check. Such applicant will be required to have their fingerprints scanned by the authorized entity in Tennessee. In the event that the scanned fingerprints are unreadable, then the applicant's criminal background check will be performed based on the applicant's name and social security number.

**Adopted by the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners on the 22nd day of August, 2007 and amended on August 25, 2010.**

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