Criminal records check for pharmacists.

(A) Pursuant to section 4729.071 of the Revised Code, an applicant seeking an initial license as a pharmacist by examination or reciprocity must first submit fingerprint impressions to the Ohio bureau of criminal identification and investigation (BCI&I) for a criminal records check.

(B) Pursuant to section 4776.02 of the Revised Code, the criminal records check performed by BCI&I shall consist of both a BCI&I criminal records check and a federal bureau of investigation (FBI) criminal records check. BCI&I shall send the results of the BCI&I and FBI criminal records checks directly to the state board of pharmacy.

(C) The state board of pharmacy requires that the criminal records check:

(1) Be based on electronic fingerprint impressions that are submitted directly to BCI&I from a WebCheck provider agency or ink impressions. The state board of pharmacy may accept the results of a criminal records check based on ink impressions only in the following circumstances:

   (a) Readable electronic fingerprint impressions cannot be obtained or are rejected by either BCI&I or FBI;

   (b) The applicant is from out-of-state;

   (c) The applicant's home address is seventy-five miles or more from the nearest WebCheck location.

(2) Results will only be considered valid if the fingerprint impressions were obtained within one year of the date the application is received by the board.
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