

Instructions for Completing the Background Check Authorization
DSHS 09-653

These instructions provide general directions for completing the Background Check Authorization form. This form is used by multiple DSHS programs to meet varying background check needs. **The DSHS oversight program requiring the background check may have additional instructions that you must follow.**

The Background Check Central Unit (BCCU) **cannot** complete the background check unless all required boxes are complete. Required boxes have the word **REQUIRED:** next to the box number as shown in the example below:

4. REQUIRED: BCCU ACCOUNT NUMBER

IMPORTANT: If you do not provide all required information, your background check will be delayed.

ATTENTION ENTITIES AND DSHS STAFF: Only submit this authorization form once. Multiple submissions of the same authorization form causes delays in processing background checks.

PROCESSING CODE: If you use a priority processing code or "fingerprint required", enter it in this box. Priority processing codes include new hire, initial contract, initial license, approved rush, Community Protection, and DSHS state employee.

SECTION 1: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ENTITY REQUESTING THE BACKGROUND CHECK

This section must be completed by the **entity** requesting the background check. Entities are most often DSHS programs, hiring authorities, and external providers who submit background check requests to the Background Check Central Unit.

Box No. Instructions

- 1A Enter the name of the entity requesting the background check.
- 1B Enter the full address of the entity listed in Box 1A.
- 1C Enter the name of the secondary entity associated with the background check. A secondary entity may be a contractor, subcontractor, or other entity associated with this background check. Your oversight program will provide instructions on how to use this box.
- 2 Provide the printed name and signature of the person requesting the background check. This is the person who is submitting the background check on behalf of the entity listed in Box 1A.
- 3 Complete this box **ONLY** if the background check is for DSHS employment purposes. External providers should **not** complete this box.
- 4 Enter your BCCU account number in this box. You can find your BCCU account number at <http://www.dshs.wa.gov/fsa/bccu/account-numbers>. DSHS state employment account numbers are available on the BCCU intranet webpage.
- 5 Enter a DSHS ID number or name if required by your DSHS oversight program.

SECTION 2: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT

This section must be completed by the **applicant**. The applicant is the person whose background we are checking. Except as noted in these instructions, DSHS staff must not complete Section 2 for the applicant. Note: Adult Protective Services program staff may complete the applicant information for an APS investigation background check.

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- 6 You may choose to provide your Social Security Number. Your Social Security Number helps the Background Check Central Unit match your name and date of birth to existing records in our database and may speed up completion of your background check.
- 7 Print your date of birth listing the month, day, and year.
- 8 Provide an e-mail address where we can reach you.
- 9 Current Name: List your first, middle, and last name as they are listed on your current Driver's License or other primary photo ID. (See example below.) Accepted government-issued photo ID includes any federal, state, or local government-issued ID, US military ID, US or foreign passport, or federally recognized tribal ID. Write **N/A** in each field that you do not have a name to enter.

9. REQUIRED: PRINT YOUR NAME AS IT IS ON YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE OR OTHER PHOTO ID. WRITE N/A IN THE BOX IF YOU DON'T HAVE A NAME TO ENTER.

FIRST: **Susan**

MIDDLE: **Jane**

LAST: **Smith**

- 10 Other Names: Print all other first, middle, or last names you have used. Other names include nicknames, birth names, maiden names, etc. If you have not used any other first, middle, or last names, you must enter **N/A** in the appropriate box. Do not leave any of the boxes blank. (See examples below)

Example 1 – entering two nicknames and one maiden name. No other middle names have been used.

10. REQUIRED: PRINT ALL OTHER FIRST, MIDDLE AND LAST NAMES YOU HAVE USED. WRITE N/A IN THE BOX IF YOU DON'T HAVE A NAME TO ENTER.

FIRST: **Sue, Susie**

MIDDLE: **N/A**

LAST: **Jones**

Example 2 – entering N/A because no other first, middle, or last names have been used.

10. REQUIRED: PRINT ALL OTHER FIRST, MIDDLE AND LAST NAMES YOU HAVE USED. WRITE N/A IN THE BOX IF YOU DON'T HAVE A NAME TO ENTER.

FIRST: N/A

MIDDLE: N/A

LAST: N/A

See important information about answering self-disclosure questions following the description for Box 20.

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- 11A You must check **YES** or **NO**. If you check **YES**, you must enter the crime name, degree (if any), state, and the conviction date (MM/DD/YYYY). If you need to list additional convictions, attach a separate piece of paper to the Background Check Authorization form. Include your name and all the required information listed above.
- 11B You must check **YES** or **NO**. If you check **YES**, you must enter the pending charge name, degree (if any), and state. If you need to list additional pending charges, attach a separate piece of paper to the Background Check Authorization form. Include your name and all the required information listed above.
- 12-14 Read each question carefully before answering. You must check YES or NO. ***Question 14: Permanent means the order was issued either following a hearing or by stipulation of the parties.**
- 15 Enter your Driver's License or state-issued ID and the state where it was issued.
- 16 If you have continuously lived in Washington State without living in another state or country for the last three years (36 months), answer **NO**. If you have lived in any state or country other than Washington State within the last three years (36 months), answer **YES**.
- 17 17a - Enter your mailing address where BCCU can send you confidential information such as a copy of your background check results.
17b – Enter your street address if it is different than your mailing address. If your street address and mailing address are the same, enter **SAME**.
17c – Enter the daytime phone number where you can be reached.
18. Read the statements in Box 18. Your signature in Box 19 means you have read, understand, and agree to the statements listed in Box 18.
19. Sign your name as it is listed in Box 9. If you are not 18 years old, a parent or guardian must sign for you.
20. Enter the month / day / year (MM/DD/YYYY) you signed Box 19.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ANSWERING SELF-DISCLOSURE QUESTIONS: Your answers to self-disclosure questions become part of your background check history and are stored in the DSHS database. Self-disclosures are reported as part of your background check result like any other background check history we receive. It is important that your answers to self-disclosure questions are accurate and consistent. It is strongly recommended that you answer self-disclosure questions the same way each time you complete the Background Check Authorization form unless the question has changed or the previous answer was wrong. It is also recommended that you refer to charging papers, court records, or other official documents and that you list criminal convictions, pending charges, dates and other information exactly as they are listed in those documents.

If you have questions about the Background Check Central Unit background check process, contact BCCU at bccuinquiry@dshs.wa.gov or call 360-902-7555.