

Attorney General's Office schedules additional criminal-background check services

Please see this message from the Office of the Attorney General:

To assist teachers, school employees, and volunteers in obtaining the required criminal background checks mandated by Rhode Island General Law, Attorney General Peter F. Kilmartin is again offering background check services at several locations throughout the state.

Under Rhode Island General Law 16-2-18.1, any person seeking employment with a private school or public school department who has not previously been employed by that public or private school department in Rhode Island during the past 12 months shall undergo a national and state criminal background check. Employees hired prior to August 1, 2001, and who have been continuously employed by a public school department in Rhode Island during the past 12 months shall be exempted.

As of July 2, 2014, employment now includes those individuals who are hired directly by the private school or public school department, contractual employees of the private school or public school department, and those individuals who may have direct or unmonitored contact with children or students who are hired by a third party who has contracted with the private school or public school department to provide services, including school bus monitors.

In addition, Rhode Island General Law 16-2-18.4 states that any person who is a current or prospective volunteer of a private school or public school department and who may have direct and unmonitored contact with children or students on school premises shall undergo a state criminal background check to be initiated prior to or within one week of commencement of such volunteer work. Under the statute, the state criminal background check is valid for one year.

"Teachers, employees and volunteers are busy preparing for the school year. Bringing background check services to the community allows for them to focus on going back to school and teaching our students, not worrying about the logistics of driving to Providence, finding a place to park, and taking valuable time out of their busy day," said Attorney General Kilmartin.

In addition to the regular hours of operation for the Bureau of Criminal Identification at the Office of Attorney General in Providence (Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.), the Office will provide national and state criminal background check services at the locations, dates and times below:

Date	Police Department	Address	Time
Tuesday August 5	Middletown Police Department	123 Valley Road Middletown	2 - 6 p.m.
Wed. August 6	Cranston Police Department	5 Garfield Avenue	2 - 6 p.m.
Tuesday August 12	Charlestown Police Dept.	4901 Old Post Road	2 - 6 p.m.
Wed. August 13	North Kingston Police Dept.	8166 Post Road	2 - 6 p.m.
Tuesday August 19	Smithfield Police Department	215 Pleasant Avenue	2 - 6 p.m.
Wednesday August 20	Pawtucket Police Department	121 Roosevelt Avenue	2 - 6 p.m.
Thursday August 21	Bristol Police Department	395 Metacom Avenue	2- 6 p.m.

Individuals seeking a national background check must bring positive proof of ID, such as a valid driver's license, state-issued ID, or passport, as well as a letter of conditional employment. Payment must be a check or money order only. Checks should be made out to "BCI." The cost for a national criminal background check is \$35.

Individuals seeking a state criminal background check must bring positive proof of ID, such as a valid driver's license, state-issued ID, or passport. The cost for a state-only criminal background check is \$5. Payment must be a check or money order only. Checks should be made out to "BCI." The state criminal background check will be mailed to the individual.

For any questions, please call the Office of Attorney General, at 274-4400, and ask for BCI.