

# PHARMACY TECHNICIAN FINGERPRINT FAQ

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Fingerprint Criminal history background checks through the Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation are required for all current licensees and permit holders.

TSBP has begun the process of fingerprinting existing licensees/registrations. Notifications regarding this process will go out to all technician registration in their renewal notification beginning in November 2018.

The fingerprint background check will be required prior to the completion of your initial TSBP registration renewal, per the new statutory requirement set out in Texas Occupations Code, Sec 602.2101.

**Note that the fingerprint results will not be REQUIRED until your renewal. Reminders of the fingerprint requirement will be included in the renewal notice sent out 90 days prior to your current expiration date.**

- If you would like to complete a fingerprint session outside of your renewal period, please email [fingerprints@pharmacy.texas.gov](mailto:fingerprints@pharmacy.texas.gov) with your registration number, full name with a request to provide the link to register for fingerprints.

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**I am already a Registered Pharmacy Technician in Texas—why do I need to be re-fingerprinted?**

**Can I be grandfathered in?**

In January 2018, the Texas Department of Public Safety's (DPS) Fingerprint-based Applicant Clearinghouse of Texas (FACT) began implementing the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Rap Back Service as part of the Bureau's Next Generation Identification system.

The Rap Back Service can automatically send immediate, nationwide results regarding current licensees/registrants arrests and criminal history information to the Texas State Board of Pharmacy (TSBP).

TSBP will not grandfather Registered Pharmacy Technicians with a registration/license date prior to June 1, 2015. **Technicians originally registered PRIOR to June 1, 2015 will be required to be fingerprinted beginning with the January 2019 renewals.** TSBP will require pharmacy technicians to complete updated fingerprints prior to approving their technician renewal.

**But I don't know when I registered with TSBP.**

Click [HERE](#) to search by registration number or by name to verify your initial registration date.

**Will TSBP process my renewal without a fingerprint session?**

Your renewal will **NOT** be processed, and may go delinquent, if you have still not taken care of the fingerprinting. It will stay delinquent until you provide your fingerprints as required by law. You cannot work as a pharmacy technician or perform pharmacy technician duties if your registration is delinquent, and will need to wait until your registration renewal has been approved before resuming pharmacy technician duties.

**If I had my fingerprints taken for a different professional registration/license, can I use those reports to satisfy the Texas State Board of Pharmacy requirement?**

No. If you were fingerprinted by an agency other than TSBP, you MUST complete fingerprints again. The TSBP Service Code, provided in the automated email sent after submitting your renewal, allows the vendor to forward your fingerprint results directly to TSBP.

**How long will it take TSBP to receive the results from my fingerprint background check?**

Allow a minimum of three (3) weeks for registration to be renewed. If you have questions regarding background information that may be found, see to "[Information Regarding Criminal History](#)" before calling TSBP.