

### **Criminal Background Checks (CBC)**

Effective March 2, 2009, an applicant (initial, reinstatement, or reactivation) for a license to practice nursing in South Carolina shall be subject to a criminal history background check as defined in [40-33-25](#) of the Nurse Practice Act.

In addition to all other requirements and for the purpose of determining an applicant's eligibility for an authorization to practice, each applicant will be required to furnish a full set of fingerprints and additional information required to enable a criminal history background check to be conducted by the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

The cost of conducting a criminal history background check will be borne by the applicant and the department shall keep information received pursuant to this section confidential, except that information relied upon in denying an authorization to practice may be disclosed as may be necessary to support the administrative action. The cost for conducting a criminal history background is \$54.25.