

Insurance Councils of Saskatchewan Bulletin

Criminal Security Check

Individuals applying for an insurance or adjuster licence in Saskatchewan are required to submit a criminal security check with their application form.

The criminal security check is based on the applicant's name and birth date; and is searched against the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC).

"CPIC is a national information-sharing system that links criminal justice and law enforcement partners across Canada and internationally."

The city police, RCMP, BackCheck and Commissionaires all conduct criminal security check searches against the CPIC database.

The city police and RCMP, in addition to a CPIC criminal security check, conduct a check of the local indices of the city police or RCMP. The local indices information includes:

- Disclosure of charges before the courts. Specific charges or the number of charges are not listed or disclosed.

Charges before the courts include stays of proceedings that have occurred within one year of the application for a Criminal Security Check and alternative measures that are still active (i.e. not completed), as well as findings of unfit to stand trial. "Charges before the courts" does not include charges that have not been formally laid.

BackCheck and the Commissionaires are not privy to the local indices information that the city police or RCMP would have.

Because of this gap in information, Council will discontinue acceptance of criminal security checks from BackCheck and the Commissionaires effective February 1, 2014.

As of February 1, 2014, applicants must obtain their criminal security check from the city police or RCMP where they reside.

Council will continue to accept the USA BackCheck Criminal Security Checks for applicants residing in the United States.