



Canadian Criminal Records Information Services (CCRIS)

Overview

Quick Facts

Criminal Records are retained until the subject of the record is 80 years of age with no criminal activity reported in the last 10 years, **except** where the subject:

- has been sentenced to life imprisonment;
- has been designated a "dangerous offender";
- is still the subject of a prohibition order which has not expired; and/or
- has an outstanding warrant.

Canadian Criminal Records Information Services (CCRIS) is an integral component of the RCMP National Police Services (NPS), providing support and services to the entire Canadian police community, the judicial system, other federal departments, the international police community, and the public at large.

CCRIS, as part of Information and Identification Services, manages the Central Repository of Criminal Record Information for Canada. The information contained in this repository is available to authorized law enforcement agencies, government departments for security/reliability investigations, and to individuals requiring police certificates for visas and travel documents.

The Central Repository contains all Canadian criminal record files. A criminal record file consists of an individual's criminal charges and their dispositions, including convictions and discharges, as well as fingerprint information. The maintenance of files includes an electronic image data base in support of the Central Repository.

CCRIS also provides a number of services related to criminal records, including: the management of pardoned criminal records and Young Offenders records; processing requests for criminal record information searches for non-criminal purposes such as visas, adoptions, and employment; specialized assistance to agencies associated to the judicial

process; the issuance of certificates of previous convictions and orders of extradition; and the exchange of criminal record information with Interpol and the FBI, dependent upon legislation authority to share.

The CCRIS mandate is achieved through the organizational activities of a number of services:

Criminal Records Information Management Services (CRIMS) updates and maintains more than 600,000 criminal records annually.

Criminal Records Imaging Services (CRIS) electronically records more than 900,000 records annually for evidentiary purposes and as required by Canada's *Evidence Act*.

Civil Fingerprint Screening Services (CFSS) provides certified "non-criminal" fingerprint search results in support of major federal obligations (i.e. immigrant and citizenship screening, personnel screening for federal airports and government employees, etc.). Additionally, CFSS provides criminality screening for the purposes of engagement in police agencies; employment screening for provincial, municipal and private organizations; adoptions; and for foreign travel purposes. CFSS also processes requests for access to information under the *Privacy Act*.

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Pardons and Purge Services (PPS) maintains and administers pardon information in compliance with legislation.

International Exchange Services (IES) maintains the centre for the Refugee Program, Most Wanted Persons, and U.S. Fugitives, as well as providing an exchange service for fingerprints and criminal record information with the FBI and Interpol.

Records Analysis Services (RAS) annually reacts to more than 24,000 requests for assistance in determining criminal record information by law enforcement agencies and the court; approximately 300 certificates of previous conviction and certified criminal records are issued per year.

For more information, please visit www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca.