

## OEC Legal Division Background Check Update

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### OEC Background Check Processing Fee Payments

**EXTENDED through December 31, 2019**

In recognition of the challenges posed by new federal rules requiring comprehensive Background Checks at least every five years, Commissioner Beth Bye and OEC Leadership gave careful consideration to strategies that would lessen the burden for providers. A decision was made to allocate OEC funds to cover the fingerprint processing fees through September 30, 2019, or until funds were exhausted.

Today, Commissioner Bye and the Office of Early Childhood are pleased to announce that OEC will extend coverage of these fees through the end of calendar year 2019, or until those allocated funds are exhausted, whichever occurs first.

Background check applications that are due through December 31, 2020 will be accepted during this period of OEC payments. Applications that are not due until January, 2021 or after will be returned to sender.

**NOTE:**

- All applications postmarked January 1, 2020 or later must include the processing fee of \$88.25 per program staff, Family child care licensees and household members, or \$86.25 per volunteer.
- Any complete application postmarked on December 31, 2019 or sooner with fingerprints that are rejected by DESPP or the FBI will have a credit on file. FBI credits are only good for 30 days. No fee will be needed when new fingerprints are submitted to replace the fingerprint card rejected by DESPP.
- If any incomplete application materials are returned to sender, then mailed back to OEC with a postmarked January 1, 2020 or later, the \$88.25/\$86.25 processing fee must be included.

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