# FINGERPRINTING GUIDE

FOR ALL 50 STATES



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# **GLOSSARY**

- 1. Regulations: This chapter covers the legal frameworks and regulations governing fingerprinting procedures across all 50 states. It delves into state-specific laws, licensing requirements, and compliance standards that professionals must adhere to when conducting fingerprinting services.
- 2. Industries: Explore the diverse industries that rely on fingerprinting services, from law enforcement and government agencies to private sectors such as healthcare, education, and financial institutions. Learn about the unique applications of fingerprinting within each industry and the specific requirements they may have.
- 3. Contracts and Partnerships: Discover the intricacies of forming partnerships and contracts within the fingerprinting industry. From negotiating terms with clients to establishing agreements with equipment suppliers and technology providers, this chapter provides insights into building successful business relationships.

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4. Live Scan Systems: Delve into the technology behind live scan systems, which have revolutionized the fingerprinting process. Learn how these digital systems capture and transmit fingerprints electronically, streamlining background checks and enhancing efficiency in various sectors.

# OVERVIEW

The Guide to Fingerprinting in All 50 States" is a comprehensive resource designed to equip professionals with the knowledge and tools necessary to navigate the fingerprinting landscape across the United States. From understanding state-specific regulations to exploring the diverse industries that rely on fingerprinting services, this ebook serves as a valuable reference for both newcomers and seasoned professionals in the field.

The Regulations chapter provides an indepth analysis of the legal frameworks governing fingerprinting procedures, ensuring compliance with licensing requirements and standards set forth by each state. Meanwhile, the Industries chapter offers insights into the wide array of sectors utilizing fingerprinting services, illustrating the diverse applications and unique requirements within each industry.

# OVERVIEW

In the Contracts and Partnerships chapter, readers will gain valuable insights into forming successful business relationships, negotiating terms with clients, and establishing agreements with suppliers and technology providers. Additionally, the Live Scan Systems chapter explores the cutting-edge technology driving electronic fingerprint capture and transmission, revolutionizing the efficiency of background checks and verification processes.

As the guide concludes, readers will find practical guidance on obtaining certification and access to comprehensive lists of ink fingerprinting supplies, empowering them to excel in their fingerprinting endeavors with confidence and expertise. Whether you're a fingerprinting professional seeking to expand your knowledge or an entrepreneur looking to enter the industry, "The Guide to Fingerprinting in All 50 States" is your definitive companion for success in this dynamic field.



\*In the dynamic landscape of the fingerprinting industry, understanding the regulatory environment is crucial for operating a successful business. While there are no officially recognized regulations by any specific state or federal agency governing fingerprinting services, there are general guidelines that serve as a framework for operating any service-based business. It's essential to note that at this time, no strict regulations or federal guidelines restrict the use or selling of fingerprinting services.

1. Lack of Specific Regulations: Unlike some other industries, the fingerprinting sector operates under a relatively flexible regulatory framework. This means that entrepreneurs and professionals have more freedom in structuring their business operations. However, this flexibility also necessitates a thorough understanding of best practices and ethical standards to ensure quality service delivery.



2. No Special Licenses Required: One notable aspect of the fingerprinting industry is that no special licenses are required to operate a fingerprinting service. Unlike professions such as healthcare or law, where practitioners must obtain specific licenses or certifications to practice legally, fingerprinting services do not have such stringent requirements at the federal or state level.

### 3. Certifications by Training Organizations:

While not legally required, certifications offered by reputable training organizations are highly recommended for professionals in the fingerprinting industry. These certifications validate the individual's expertise and proficiency in fingerprinting techniques, enhancing credibility and trustworthiness in the eyes of clients. Additionally, ongoing training and professional development are essential to stay updated on the latest trends and technologies in the field.



- 4. Exception: State of California: It's important to note an exception to the general lack of regulatory requirements: the state of California. In California, individuals conducting ink fingerprinting services are required to obtain a Roller Certificate. This certificate demonstrates competency in fingerprint rolling techniques and is obtained by completing an online application process. In this ebook, we provide detailed guidance on obtaining the Roller Certificate for those operating in California.
- 5. Adherence to Ethical Standards: While there may not be specific regulations governing fingerprinting services, practitioners are expected to adhere to high ethical standards. This includes maintaining client confidentiality, ensuring accuracy and integrity in fingerprinting procedures, and upholding professional conduct at all times.



6. Legal Compliance: Although there are no strict regulations, fingerprinting businesses must still comply with relevant laws and regulations, such as those related to data protection and privacy. It's essential to stay informed about any legal requirements that may affect the operation of your business and take appropriate measures to ensure compliance.

In summary, while the fingerprinting industry operates under a relatively flexible regulatory framework, practitioners must adhere to general guidelines and best practices to ensure the delivery of high-quality and ethical services. Certification by training organizations is recommended for credibility, and adherence to legal and ethical standards is paramount for maintaining trust and integrity within the industry.



Below will be a list of all 50 states and their regulations attached.

# **Key& Definitions**

**Hybrid**: The state allows for both ink fingerprinting for any reason and ink fingerprinting for outside state reasons. The state also has a contract with a company for electronic fingerprinting and does not allow live scan direct connection.

**Open**: The state allows for both ink fingerprinting for any reason, live scan for any reason, and any person can purchase live scan and connect to the state.

**Closed**: The state allows ink fingerprinting for out of state and federal reason only. Live scan is done by a contracted company. The only fingerprinting done in these states are for out of state reasons, private reasons, or federal purposes.

**Saturation Score:** A scale of 1-10 on how many providers are in the state to compete with. 10 being the worst, 1 being the best



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**Special Notes**: Any specific notes or unique processes within the state.

**Industries**: Popular industries to receive contracts for and partnerships with

**Systems**: What type of live scan hardware is suitable for the states requirements.



#### Alabama

- o Hybrid
- Sat Score = 4
- Industries: Marijuana, ATF, Out Of State Employment
- Contracts: Gun stores, Firearms trainers, Marijuana cultivation license holders

### Alaska

- o Open
- Sat Score = 1
- Industries: Federal transportation, state licensing
- Contracts: Gun stores, Fedex, UPS for international and national travel

#### Arizona

- Hybrid
- Sat Score = 6
- Industries: Non-IVP clearance card state departments, ATF
- Contracts: Fedex, Firearms dealers & trainers, Real estate schools



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# REGULATIONS

#### Arkansas

- Open
- Sat Score = 5
- Industries: State departments requiring fingerprint based background checks
- Contracts: Any state department through use of a fingerprint harvester license
- NOTF: AR allows live scan direct connection through approved vendors. A license is required by the state beforehand to do so.

### California

- Open
- Sat Score = 7
- Industries: State departments requiring fingerprint based background checks, FINRA, ATF
- Contracts: Any state department through use of a fingerprint roller certificate
- NOTE: CA allows live scan direct connection through approved vendors. A license is required by the state beforehand to do so which is called a "fingerprint roller certificate"



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# REGULATIONS

### Colorado

- Closed
- Sat Score = 2
- Industries: Immigration, Out of state employment, DOD / OPM Federal agencies
- Contracts: Military for use of DOD or OPM reasons, immigration law firms

### Connecticut

- Closed
- Sat Score = 4
- o Industries: Nursing, ATF, Out of state employment
- Contracts: Gun stores and FFL's, Locum tenen's
- NOTE: Fingerprints101 is the most reputable brand and allows business opportunities through fingerprinting.org



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# REGULATIONS

#### Hawaii

- Closed
- o Sat Score = 2
- o Industries: Out of state employment, Transportation
- Contracts: Recruiters. International transport like Fedex or UPS

### Idaho

- Hybrid
- Sat Score = 1
- Industries: any state or out of state employer, ATF, Firearms licenses, **Immigration**
- o Contracts: FFL dealers, Real estate schools, Local agencies

### Illinois

- Open
- o Sat Score = 4
- o Industries: any in state or out of state employer, FINRA, Immigration
- Contracts: Immigration law firms, Fingerprint card scanners, ATF
- NOTE: IL allows direct connection through an approved vendor after passing a test. It also allows fingerprint cards to be done for state reasons when processed by an approved card scanner



#### Delaware

- Closed
- Sat Score = 1
- Industries: Out of state employment, ATF
- Contracts: any out of state employer or recruiter

#### • Florida

- o Open
- Sat Score = 7
- Industries: FDLE, Out of state employers, ATF, real estate
- Contracts: Real estate schools, FFL dealers
- NOTE: FDLE allows direct connection via live scan through an approved vendor. also allows fingerprint cards to be scanned by approved scanners

### Georgia

- Hybrid
- Sat Score = 5
- Industries: ATF, Out of state employment, GAPS
- Contracts: FFL dealers, Out of state recruiters



#### Indiana

- Closed
- Sat Score = 3
- o Industries: Immigration, ATF
- Contracts: Real estate schools, FFL dealers

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- Closed
- Sat Score = 2
- Industries: Immigration, ATF, Agriculture
- contracts: Farm land requiring federal licenses, FFL dealers

#### Kansas

- Hybrid
- Sat Score = 2
- Industries: Immigration, ATF, Agriculture
- Contracts: Farm land requiring federal licenses, FFL dealers
- NOTE: Kansas allows fingerprint cards to be submitted to the state police and also does live scan through the state police. No official process is submitted for this yet.



# Kentucky

- Closed
- Sat Score = 3
- Industries: Immigration, Agriculture, Horse Breeders, ATF
- contracts: Horse breeders,
   Immigration law firms, FFL dealers

### Louisiana

- o Open
- Sat Score = 4
- Industries: Any state employer, ATF, Immigration
- Contracts: Any state or parish agency or department, FFL dealers, Immigration law firms
- IMPORTANT NOTE: LA accepts fingerprint cards for most state reasons

#### Maine

- Closed
- Sat Score = 2
- Industries: Immigration, Real estate, Land developers & architects, Marijuana
- Contracts: Immigration law firms, FFL dealers, Development companies, Marijuana cultivators



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# REGULATIONS

### Maryland

- Open
- Sat Score = 5
- Industries: Firearms, Immigration, Federal agencies
- Contracts: Firearms instructors, real estate schools, Immigration law firms
- NOTE: Maryland CJIS does accept private providers for live scan. Applications are filled out on the MD Gov website

### Massachusetts

- Closed
- Sat Score = 5
- o Industries: Immigration, Real estate, Out of state employment
- Contracts: Immigration law firms, remote companies

### Michigan

- Open
- Sat Score = 2
- Industries: State employers and agencies, ATF, Medical
- Contracts: Locum tenen's, FFL dealers
- NOTE: Michigan allows live scan direct through one state vendor. The process requires an exam and specific equipment



#### Minnesota

- Closed
- Sat Score = 3
- Industries: Out of state employment, Immigration
- Contracts: Immigration law firms, transportation hubs

# Mississippi

- Closed
- Sat Score = 3
- Industries: Medical, Out of state employment
- Contracts: Locum tenen's

### Missouri

- Closed
- Sat Score = 3
- Industries: Agriculture, Nursing, Immigration
- Contracts: Locum tenen's, food processors

### Montana

- Hybrid
- Sat Score = 1
- Industries: State employment, agriculture, immigration, oil
- Contracts: State agencies, Immigration law firms



#### Nebraska

- o Hybrid
- Sat Score = 3
- Industries: State employment, Agriculture
- Contracts: Specific food processing plants

### Nevada

- o Hybrid
- Sat Score = 4
- Industries: Nevada Dept. Public Safety, Immigrations, Military
- Contracts: Any DPS sub agency, Immigration law firms, OPM & DOD agencies

# New Hampshire

- Closed
- Sat Score = 4
- o Industries: Marijuana, Immigration
- Contracts: Marijuana cultivators Est.
   2024, Immigration law firms



# • New Jersey

- Closed
- Sat Score = 5
- Industries: Immigration, Out of state employment, Medical
- Contracts: Travel nursing recruiters, Immigration law firms

### New Mexico

- Closed
- Sat Score = 4
- o Industries: Medical, Immigration
- Contracts: Locum tenen's, Immigration law firms

### New York

- Closed
- Sat Score = 6
- Industries: FINRA, Immigration, Out of state employment, Volunteer agencies
- Contracts: Federal volunteer agencies, Immigration law firms, FINRA agencies



### • North Carolina

- Hybrid
- Sat Score = 6
- o Industries: Medical, Real Estate
- Contracts: Any travel nurse school, Real estate schools

### North Dakota

- Closed
- Sat Score = 3
- o Industries: Agriculture, Oil
- Contracts: Refineries, Construction firms

### Ohio

- o Open
- Sat Score = 2
- o Industries: Medical, State employment
- o Contracts: Any BCI agency, Hospitals
- NOTE: Ohio Attorney General allows state connection through Webcheck software

### Oklahoma

- Closed
- Sat Score = 4
- o Industries: Agriculture, Immigration
- Contracts: Food processors, Immigration law firms



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- o Industries: Agriculture, Immigration
- Contracts: Food processors, Immigration law firms



### Oregon

- Closed
- Sat Score = 5
- o Industries: FBI checks, Tech industry
- Contracts: Any volunteer agency, Remote employment companies

# • Pennsylvania

- Closed
- Sat Score = 4
- Industries: Immigration, Construction, Agriculture
- Contracts: Immigration law firms,
   Construction firms, Food processors

### Rhode Island

- Closed
- Sat Score = 4
- Industries: Immigration, Out of state employment
- Contracts: Immigration law firms,
   Border state workers and companies



### South Carolina

- Closed
- Sat Score = 5
- Industries: Real estate, Out of state employment
- Contracts: Real estate schools, companies with employees of northern states

### South Dakota

- Closed
- Sat Score = 3
- o Industries: Agriculture, Oil
- Contracts: Refineries, Construction firms



#### Tennessee

- Closed
- Sat Score = 6
- Industries: Out of state employment, Immigration
- Contracts: companies with remote employees, Immigration law firms

#### Texas

- Closed
- Sat Score = 6
- Industries: Out of state employment, Immigration, Oil
- Contracts: companies with remote employees, Immigration law firms, Refineries

#### Utah

- o Hybrid
- Sat Score = 5
- o Industries: State agencies, VIP's
- Contracts: VIP Fingerprinting for company personnel, Misc. state agencies



#### Vermont

- Closed
- Sat Score = 3
- o Industries: Immigration, Marijuana
- Contracts: cultivators, Immigration law firms

### • Virginia

- Hybrid
- Sat Score = 6
- Industries: State agencies, Immigration, ATF
- Contracts: FFL dealers, Immigration law firms, Misc state agencies

### Washington

- Closed
- Sat Score = 5
- o Industries: FBI checks, Tech industry
- Contracts: Any volunteer agency,
   Remote employment companies



# • West Virginia

- Hybrid
- Sat Score = 4
- Industries: Farming, State agencies
- Contracts: Food processors, Misc. state agencies

### Wisconsin

- Hybrid
- Sat Score = 3
- o Industries: Farming, State agencies
- Contracts: Food processors, Misc. state agencies

# Wyoming

- o Hybrid
- Sat Score = 2
- Industries: Farming, State agencies, ATF
- Contracts: Food processors, Misc. state agencies, FFL Dealers