

Effective June 14, 2024, a new applicant for licensure as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant must submit to a fingerprint-based federal and state criminal background check, mandated by §34-24-211, Code of Alabama 1975, by working with the Alabama Board of Physical Therapy's processing company, Fieldprint. ***The Fingerprint-Based Background Check is not required for license renewals.***

**IMPORTANT:** License issuance will not proceed until the Board has received and reviewed the criminal history record information (CHRI) along with your application. The criminal history record information will come to the Board directly from Fieldprint and will only be **available to the Board for 30 days**; therefore, we recommend that applicants submit their application for licensure before they go to a fingerprinting site to be scanned. ***Fieldprint is the only approved vendor for fingerprint-based background checks.***

**When prompted for the reason for the background check, the Fieldprint Code to be entered is **FPABPTLicensees**.**

Please refer to information on our website under the "Licensing" tab, "Requirements/Fingerprint-Based Background Check Required" section for instructions on how to access Fieldprint and complete this new requirement.