

# Statewide Applicant Fingerprint Identification Services (SAFIS) Program

# Registration Guide

Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care (EEC)







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# **About the Statewide Applicant Fingerprint Identification Services** (SAFIS) Program

Massachusetts law now requires fingerprint-based criminal history record checks for most individuals involved with Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) licensed, approved, or funded programs. EEC, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (ESE) and the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) have partnered with MorphoTrust USA to implement the Statewide Applicant Fingerprint Identification Services (SAFIS) Program and are working to provide convenient applicant fingerprinting enrollment centers throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. NOTE: This Registration Guide is intended to provide guidance to individuals who are licensed or employed by EEC, or seek licensing or employment with an EEC-licensed family, small or large group/school-age child care provider, residential care program or adoption/foster care placement agency, as well as in-home non-relative caregivers, adoptive or foster parents and their household members, and individuals who provide transportation services on behalf of any EEC-licensed or funded program. If you work for a Pre-K program run by a public or private K-12 school, please consult the ESE registration instructions for Pre-K-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Education entities.

#### **Overview of the Fingerprinting Process**

The following is an overview of the SAFIS fingerprinting process:

- An applicant/employee registers for a fingerprinting appointment via either the MorphoTrust USA IdentoGo™ registration website or the MorphoTrust Massachusetts Customer Service (telephone) Center;
- An applicant/employee goes to a MorphoTrust USA IdentoGo™ enrollment center on the date and time selected by him/her and has his/her fingerprints taken:
- The applicant's/employee's fingerprints are sent electronically to the Massachusetts State Police (MSP) for a statewide criminal history record check and to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for a nationwide criminal record check;
- The results of both the State and National fingerprint-based criminal history record checks are returned to the MSP; and
- The State and National fingerprint-based criminal history record check results are returned to EEC for review. EEC will then determine if the applicant/employee is suitable or not suitable for the position sought.

#### **Important Requirements**

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#### Information Required at Registration

To register for an appointment to have your fingerprints taken at one of the MorphoTrust USA IdentoGo™ enrollment centers, the following information is required:

**Provider Identification Number (Provider ID) -** EEC will provide you with your Program Identification Number once you have been deemed suitable based on a preliminary background check.

**Fee** - The fee charged will be \$35 for EEC applicants. Online payment options include credit cards and e-Check. Onsite payments must be made by check or money order.

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# Your Registration Confirmation and an Acceptable Form of Identification are Required at Your Fingerprint Appointment

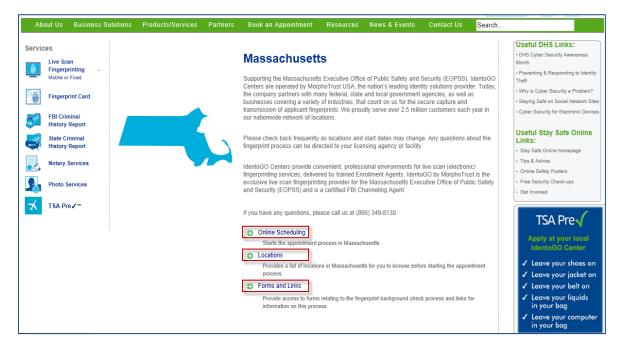
You must bring your **Registration Confirmation Number** with you to your fingerprinting appointment. You must also bring an acceptable form of identification (see page 21). The MorphoTrust USA IdentoGo™ enrollment center staff will match the information in the registration system with the identification provided to confirm your identity. **Fingerprints will not be taken without acceptable identification.** 

#### Registering with MorphoTrust USA for a Fingerprinting Appointment

To get your fingerprints taken, you must register for an appointment. There are two methods available: 1). Register on-line on the MorphoTrust USA IndentoGo™ registration website; or 2). Register by phone.

#### MorphoTrust USA IndentoGo™ Massachusetts Registration Website

- Go to http://www.identogo.com/FP/Massachusetts.aspx
- Click the Online Scheduling link.
- To see a complete list of MorphoTrust USA IdentoGo<sup>™</sup> enrollment centers in Massachusetts, click on the Locations link.
- To access online resources, click on Forms and Links

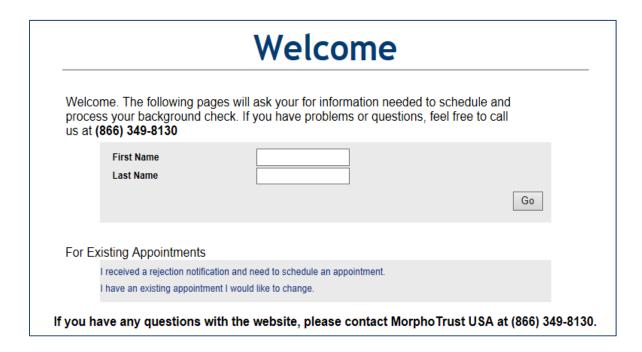


#### **Registering Online**

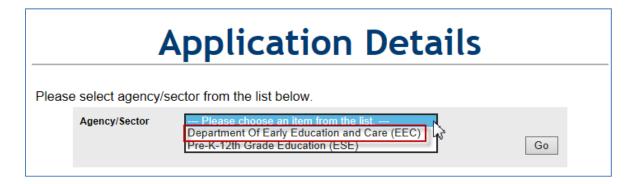
To begin the registration process:

- Go to http://www.identogo.com/FP/Massachusetts.aspx
- Click the Online Scheduling link.

Enter First Name and Last Name.



- Click the Go button on the page.
- In the Agency/Sector drop-down list, Select Department of Early Education and Care (EEC).
- Click Go



- Based on the position for which you are being fingerprinted, select Adoptive and Foster Care or Family Child Care/Group, Center-based or Residential Care/Non-Relative Caregiver. If you are applying as a licensee or employee with an adoption or foster care placement agency, please select "Family Child Care/Group, Center-based or Residential Care/Non-Relative Caregiver".
- Click Go

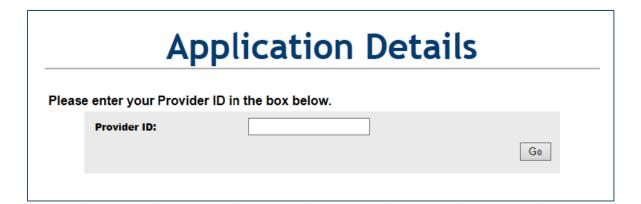


Based on your Applicant Type selection, Click Yes to confirm your Agency/Sector.

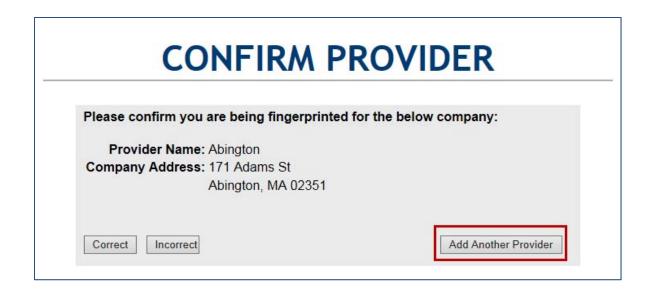


# This will require that a search of Massachusetts and/or FBI records be conducted and you will be charged accordingly. If you are not sure that this is the license type that you will be applying for or whether you are the qualifier of the business, please contact your agency requesting clarification. Please be aware that if you select the wrong agency and a change is required to be made at a later date, you will be required to pay the applicable fees again. Please confirm your agency is Department Of Early Education and Care (EEC) - Adoptive and Foster Care. (By selecting No, you will be returned to the previous screen to make another choice. Selecting Yes will continue on.)

Enter the Provider ID you obtained from EEC and click Go.



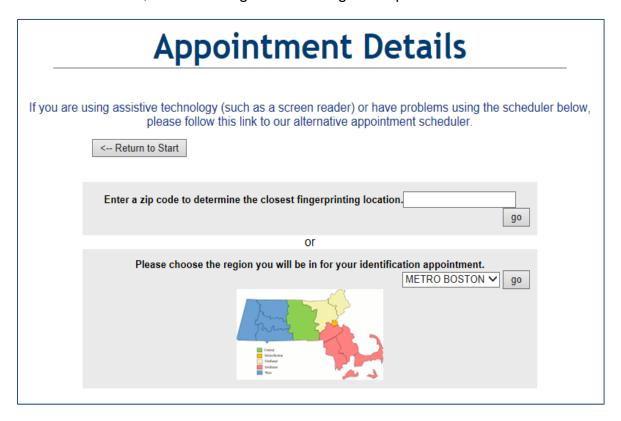
- The Organization name associated with the Provider ID you entered will be displayed. Please verify that the Organization name is correct.
- If correct, click the Correct button.
- If not correct, click the Incorrect button and reenter the Provider ID.
- If you have more than one Provider ID, click the Add Another Provider button and enter the next Provider ID. Continue to Click the Add Another Provider button until you have entered all your Provider IDs.
- When you have finished entering all of your Provider IDs, Click Go.



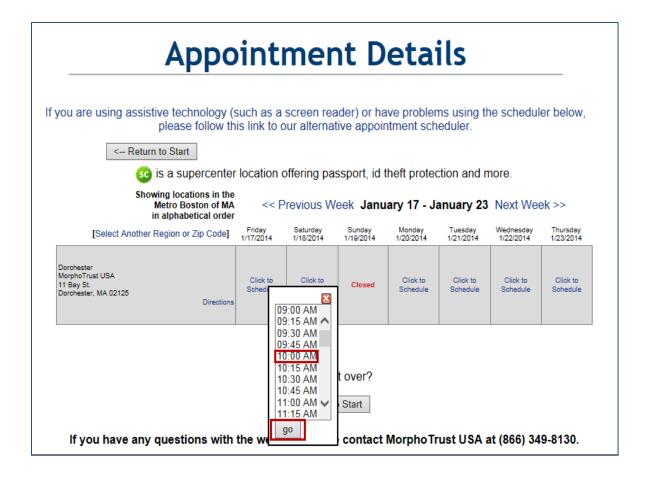
**NOTE:** If one or more of your Provider IDs does not match the Organization name displayed on the screen, please contact EEC at (617) 988-6600 to verify the Provider ID(s).

#### **APPOINTMENT DETAILS**

- To find the location of the nearest MorphoTrust USA IdentoGo™ enrollment center, enter Zip Code in the box provided and click Go.
- To see a list of all MorphoTrust USA IdentoGo<sup>™</sup> locations in a particular region of the state, select the region in the Region drop-down list and click Go.



- Available appointments during the next seven (7) days will be presented.
- To view future dates, click the Next Week link.
- Click on the Click to Schedule link for the date and location you want.
- Select the preferred time.
- Click, Go.



A consent form to authorize the fingerprint-based background check will be presented for review by the applicant.

- If you agree to the terms and conditions, select I Affirm that I have read and fully understand the above and consent to the aforementioned background check.
- If you do not agree to the Terms and Conditions, select I DO NOT Agree to the terms and conditions of the Massachusetts background check and the registration process will be cancelled.
- If the applicant is less than eighteen (18) years of age, a parent or legal guardian will also need to review and electronically provide consent.
  - ✓ Enter First Name and Last Name of the parent or legal guardian.
  - ✓ Select, I Affirm that I have read and fully understand the above and consent to the aforementioned background check.
- Click Go.

## Acknowledgement/Release

## IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING Fingerprint-Based Criminal History Record Request Authorization and Notification Form

By signing this authorization, I consent to the collection of my fingerprints as part of the application/employment/licensing process.

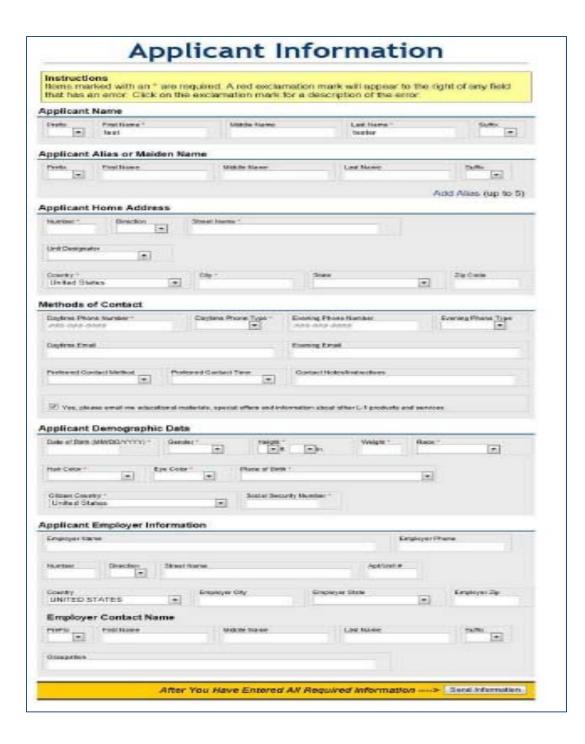
I acknowledge and understand that my fingerprints will be searched against the fingerprint databases maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Massachusetts State Police

I acknowledge that I have been notified of the procedures to challenge the accuracy or completeness of my record, which are set forth in Title 28 CFR 16.34. I am aware that a copy of these procedures can be downloaded from FBI.gov and the DCJIS website at mass.gov/cjis.

☐ I do NOT agree to the terms and conditions of the Massachusetts background check. By checking this box, the registration process will be terminated.
☐ I am 18 years of age or older and affirm that I have read and fully understand the above and consent to the aforementioned background check. By checking this box, you are electronically signing this document and indicating your agreement with the terms and conditions of the background investigation.
☑ I am under 18 years of age, and affirm that I have read and fully understand the above and consent to the aforementioned background check. By checking this box, you are electronically signing this document and indicating your agreement with the terms and conditions of the background investigation.
I, Parent/Guardian First Name Parent/Guardian Last Name am the parent/legal guardian of Tracy Varano. I have read and understand the information provided above and consent to the collection of fingerprints as part of the application/licensing/employment process. By checking this box, you are electronically signing this document and indicating your agreement with the terms and conditions of the background investigation.
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#### **APPLICANT DETAILS**

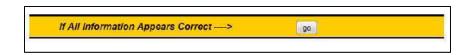
- You will be required to provide standard demographic data, including Name,
   Date of Birth, Home Address, and Contact Information.
- Enter the required information and click the Send Information button.
- Please note the Applicant Employer Information Section is NOT mandatory. <u>If you choose to complete that section</u>, <u>please follow these guidelines:</u>
  - If you are a contractor, please list your employer information and not the district or school who holds the contract.
  - o If you are a volunteer, please list your employer and not the district or school where you volunteer.
  - If you are employed or seek employment at more than one district or school, please list the employer that corresponds to the first Provider ID entered under Application Details.



 You will then be required to verify the information provided for the registration process.



If all of the information provided is correct, click the GO button at the top of the page.



If any of the Application Details are incorrect, click the Change Application Details button.



If any of the Appointment Details are incorrect, click the Change Appointment Details button.

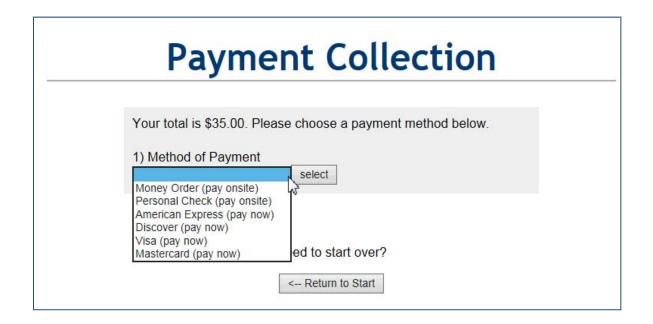


If any of the Applicant Details are incorrect, click the Change Applicant Details button.



#### **PAYMENT**

- Select the Method of Payment.
- Click the Send Payment Information button.



#### **COMPLETE REGISTRATION**

- If Onsite Payment is selected, please bring a business check, personal check or money order in the exact amount with you to your appointment, along with an acceptable form of identification.
- If Online Payment is selected, click the Continue to Make Payment button. You will be routed to a secure e-Payment portal provided by MorphoTrust USA partner, US Bank. All payment information is collected on the US Bank e-Payment portal and only transaction reference numbers are provided to MorphoTrust USA by US Bank. The reference number is attached to the fingerprint appointment to ensure no collections will be required onsite.
- Print a copy of the Registration Confirmation and bring the Registration Confirmation with you to your appointment.

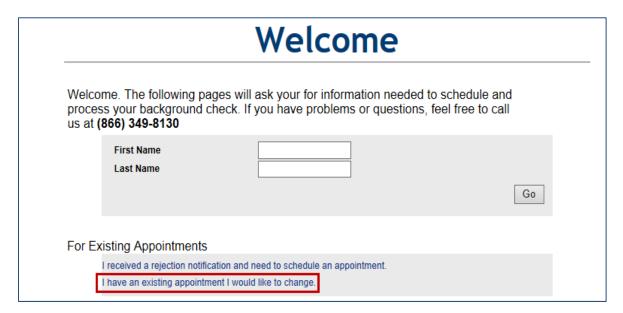
#### **Registering by Phone**

Although online registration is the best way to register for a fingerprinting appointment, you may also register by calling the MorphoTrust Massachusetts Customer Service Center toll free at (866) 349-8130. You will be asked the same information as required by the online registration process, so please have all information available to provide to MorphoTrust Massachusetts Customer Service Representative. Please note you will be provided with a Registration Confirmation Number, so please be prepared to record this number for future reference.

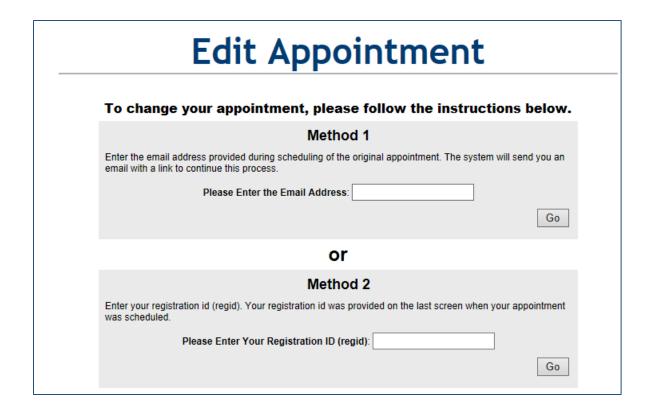
#### **Rescheduling an Appointment**

If you need to reschedule your fingerprinting appointment, you must do the following:

- Go to <a href="http://www.identogo.com/FP/Massachusetts.aspx">http://www.identogo.com/FP/Massachusetts.aspx</a>
- Select I have an existing appointment I would like to change link at the bottom of the page.



- Enter either your email address or your Registration ID. If you don't have either or the website does not locate your record, please contact the MorphoTrust Massachusetts Customer Service Center at (866) 349-8130 for assistance.
- Click Go.



#### **Cancelling an Appointment**

To cancel an appointment, you must call the MorphoTrust Massachusetts Customer Service Center toll free at (866) 349-8130. Once your appointment is cancelled, a refund will be issued. Before cancelling, you should be certain you do not need an alternate appointment.

#### **Missed Appointments**

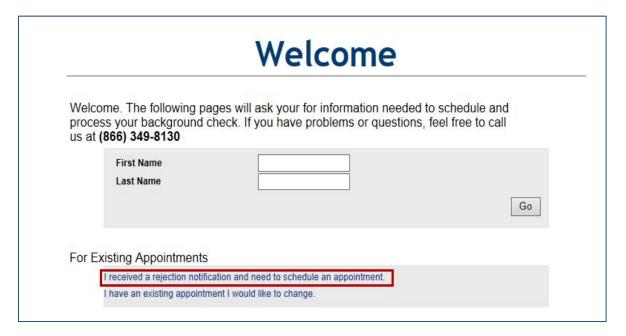
If you miss your appointment, you can contact the MorphoTrust Massachusetts Customer Service Center at (866) 349-8130 to schedule a new appointment. You can also visit the MorphoTrust USA IdentoGO™ registration web site and change your appointment online. Please note refunds will not be issued if the appointment is not rescheduled within the two (2) week period after the original appointment. In addition, if a second appointment is missed, a refund will not be issued. For a copy of the refund policy, please click on **Form and Links** located on the MorphoTrust USA IndentoGo™ Massachusetts Registration homepage. If you wish to cancel your appointment completely, please follow the instructions in the Cancelling an Appointment section above.

#### **Rejection Notification**

In some instances, an applicant's fingerprints are rejected by either the Massachusetts State Police or Federal Bureau of Investigation due to poor fingerprint quality.

If you receive a reject notification, you must do the following:

- Go to http://www.identogo.com/FP/Massachusetts.aspx
- Click I received a rejection notification and need to schedule an appointment link at the bottom of the page.



- Enter your email address, Registration ID, or Transaction Control Number (TCN) in one of the boxes provided. Please note the TCN is a unique thirteen (13) character alphanumeric field which is assigned to each civil fingerprint submission and is printed on the receipt provided at the conclusion of the fingerprint appointment. If you do not have the required information, or if the web site does not locate your record, please contact MorphoTrust Massachusetts Customer Service Center at (866) 349-8130 for assistance.
- Click Go.

# **Retake Appointment**

### To process a retake appointment follow the instructions below. Method 1 Enter the email address provided during scheduling of the original appointment. The system will send you an email with a link to continue this process. Please Enter the Email Address: Go or Method 2 Enter your registration id (regid). Your registration id was provided on the last screen when your appointment Please Enter Your Registration ID (regid): Go or Method 3 Please enter your Transaction Control Number (TCN). The number must be entered exactly. Please Enter Your TCN: Go

#### **Acceptable Forms of Identification**

All applicants will be required to present an acceptable form of identification at the time of fingerprint capture at a MorphoTrust USA IdentoGO<sup>™</sup> Center. Acceptable forms of identification are as follows:

#### **Primary Identification Documents**

The following documents are acceptable forms of identification:

- Driver's License from any U.S. state or territory
- Valid State Identification Card from any U.S. state or territory
- U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport Card
- Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt Card (Form I-551)
- Foreign Passport with temporary I-551 stamp or temporary I-551 printed notation on a machine readable immigrant visa
- Foreign Passport and Form I-94 or Form I-94A
- Employment Authorization Document which contains a photograph (Form I-766)
- U.S. Military Card with identifiable photograph.
- U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Document or Merchant Mariner Credential
- Transportation Worker Identification Credential
- Enhanced Tribal Card

All documents must include an identifiable photo, the applicant's full name, and date of birth. All documents must be verifiable and unexpired.

#### **Applicants Under 18 Years of Age**

If you are under eighteen (18) years of age and unable to present one of the primary identification documents listed above, you must provide an original or certified copy of a Birth Certificate issued by an authorized U.S. agency with an official seal or Certification of Birth Abroad (issued by U.S. Department of State) **AND** one of the following documents:

- School Identification Card (Public or Private School)
- School Record or Report Card
- Home Schooling Education Plan
- U.S. Social Security Card

#### **Fingerprint Appointment**

You are expected to visit a MorphoTrust USA IdentoGo™ enrollment center at the scheduled date and time. You should be sure to have all required documentation and

identification with you, and should expect the fingerprinting process to take from 5-10 minutes. The Enrollment Agent onsite will verify your identity with the provided identification document, scan your identification to verify authenticity, verify all of your demographic data, and then proceed to fingerprint you using electronic scanning equipment. Any questions prior to or after the fingerprint appointment should be directed to the MorphoTrust Massachusetts Customer Service Center at (866) 349-8130 or to EEC.

At the conclusion of your fingerprint appointment, you will be provided with a receipt. Please provide a copy of the receipt to EEC if you have applied to be either a Licensee or Reviewer. Please provide a copy of the receipt to the program where you have applied to be an employee, volunteer, intern or transportation provider; to the Child Care Resource and Referral Agency if you have applied to be an in-home non-relative caregiver; or to the adoption or foster care placement agency where you have applied to be an adoptive or foster parent. A single receipt will be provided to the applicant; please be sure to retain the copy and make an extra copy for your own files. Multiple copies will not be provided. If you are an Out of State Applicant, please send a copy of your registration confirmation to EEC.

#### **Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) Applicant Types**

The following sub-sections provide additional information concerning the various EEC applicant types.

#### **Family Child Care**

An applicant for a Family Child Care License, all household members, and persons regularly on the premises (including family child care assistants) of the family child care home, ages 15 and above, must be fingerprinted and approved by EEC. Family Child Care Licensee applicants, their household members, and persons regularly on the premises of the family child care home will be notified by EEC that they have passed the preliminary background checks and are eligible to be fingerprinted.

#### **Group, Center-Based, Residential and Placement Care**

Employees, volunteers, and interns in group, center-based, residential and placement care may, at the discretion of their employer, work conditionally and have unsupervised contact with children upon completion of the preliminary background checks and prior to receiving a suitability determination by EEC based on fingerprints. Employees, volunteers, interns, and transportation providers must register for fingerprinting as soon as possible after receiving notification from EEC that they are eligible for fingerprinting. If EEC determines that an employee, volunteer, intern, or transportation provider is not suitable, EEC will notify the program, who will then be required to terminate the employee, volunteer, intern, or transportation provider.

#### **In-Home Non-Relative Caregivers**

Applicants for In-Home Non-Relative Caregiver funding will be required to undergo fingerprinting before receiving EEC funding. Applicants will be notified by EEC if they have passed the preliminary background checks and are eligible for fingerprinting.

#### **Adoptive and Foster Care**

Applicants to be an adoptive or foster parent, and their household members over the age of fifteen (15), must be fingerprinted.

Applicants for licensure or employment of an adoption or foster care placement agency must choose the Family Child Care/Group, Center-based or Residential and Placement Care/Non-Relative Caregiver option when registering.

#### **Multiple Provider IDs**

There may be instances in which an EEC applicant is seeking employment at multiple EEC organizations and has been instructed to undergo a fingerprint-based criminal background check conducted for each employer. Furthermore, there may be instances where an EEC applicant is currently employed at more than one EEC organization. As part of the fingerprint registration process, up to ten (10) Provider IDs may be submitted. An EEC suitability determination (based on the fingerprint-based check) may be relied upon for three years from the date of fingerprinting. An applicant deemed suitable by EEC, who seeks employment at multiple EEC organizations or to change employment from one EEC licensed, approved and/or funded program to another, within that three year timeframe, may instruct a prospective employer to obtain the suitability determination directly from EEC without having to undergo another fingerprint-based check, provided that the initial suitability determination is still valid.

Applicants who have resided outside of Massachusetts; applicants who have disclosed to the hiring authority that new criminal charges have been filed against him/her; and applicants who have a break of one year or more from working in an EEC licensed, approved and/or funded program must be fingerprinted again, regardless of the date of their last fingerprint-based check.

#### **EEC and ESE Employment**

There may be instances in which an applicant is either employed or seeking employment with an EEC organization and a Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (ESE) organization. Federal law and regulations prohibit EEC and ESE from sharing/disseminating an individual's criminal history record information (CHRI). In order to be compliant with the new law, an individual who works for both EEC and ESE organizations will have to submit, and pay for, two separate fingerprint-based criminal record checks. If back-to-back appointments are unavailable, please

select an appointment time that is as close to the first appointment as can be obtained. An applicant will be fingerprinted for both submissions at the same time, and will not be made to wait for the later time.

#### **Out of State Applicants**

Licensees and Reviewers for large and small group and school age programs, residential programs and placement agencies who do not have unsupervised contact with children, who reside outside of Massachusetts, and who work in a program's corporate or administrative office that is located outside of Massachusetts may use MorphoTrust's Card Scan Processing Program.

This program utilizes advanced scanning technology to convert a traditional fingerprint card (hard card) into an electronic fingerprint record. Converting a "hard card" into an electronic record enables an applicant to have his/her fingerprint record processed as quickly as if he/she had traveled to an electronic fingerprint processing location. The section below details the procedures for submitting fingerprints to the Card Scan Processing Unit.

- Applicants must go online to the MorphoTrust USA IndentGo<sup>™</sup> registration website <a href="http://www.identogo.com/FP/Massachusetts.aspx">http://www.identogo.com/FP/Massachusetts.aspx</a> or call the MorphoTrust Massachusetts Customer Service Center toll free at (866) 349-8130 and complete the registration process.
- If using the online registration process, you must select "Pay for Ink Card Submission" on the Appointment Details page. This will identify to MorphoTrust that a hard card will be mailed to them for conversion to an electronic fingerprint record which will then be submitted to the Massachusetts State Police (MSP) and to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Please note the fee charged for out of state applicants is \$35.

Massachusetts Registration	
Appo	intment Details
please follow this	uch as a screen reader) or have problems using the scheduler below, s link to our alternative appointment scheduler.  Pay for Ink Card Submission  Pay for Ink Card Submission  or
Please choose the re-	Click here for a map of Massachusetts
	Need to start over?  <- Return to Start.
If you have any questions with the	e website, please contact MorphoTrust USA at (866) 349-8130.

- You must complete the entire registration process. All information entered during the registration process will be submitted to the Massachusetts State Police as part of the fingerprint transmission. Any data discrepancies or errors found during this process may result in additional submissions, at the expense of applicant.
- A confirmation number (Registration ID) will be supplied at the end of the registration process. You should retain this number for tracking purposes. <u>This</u> <u>confirmation number must be recorded on the fingerprint card when it is</u> <u>submitted to MorphoTrust for proper processing.</u>
- You must complete payment during the registration process via the online e-Payment portal. Options include debit and credit card as well as e-Check. (Applicant cards with unpaid or declined payments will not be processed and cards will be returned to the applicant.) A payment reference number will be supplied during the registration process. You should retain this number for tracking purposes.
- Once the application process has been completed, the Massachusetts Department of Criminal Justice Information Services (DCJIS) will mail you a package which will include a Massachusetts Applicant Fingerprint Card (Form 1-

- 9) and a Fingerprint Certification Form. *MorphoTrust does not provide fingerprint cards to applicants*.
- You must obtain a set of fingerprints from a local law enforcement agency. These fingerprint cards may be either traditional ink rolled fingerprints or electronically captured and printed fingerprint cards. In addition to the fingerprint card, the Fingerprint Certification Form must also be completed by the local law enforcement agency.
- You need to make sure the <u>fingerprint card is completed</u> prior to the submission to MorphoTrust. Required information includes: Full name, date of birth, date and signature of person fingerprinted, date and signature of person taking the fingerprints, and the confirmation number provided at the end of the MorphoTrust registration process.
- The Massachusetts Fingerprint Card and the Fingerprint Certification Form, along with Registration ID and payment reference number, must then be sent to the following address (for tracking and security reasons, it is recommended that a shipping service with package tracking capabilities be utilized):

IdentoGo™ by MorphoTrust

MA SAFIS Cardscan

1650 Wabash Ave Suite D

Springfield, IL 62704

- Please include at least two (2) means of contact with your fingerprint card submission (for example, a daytime and evening telephone number or a cell phone number and email address).
- If you want to verify that your fingerprint card has been processed, you may call the MorphoTrust Massachusetts Customer Service Center at (866) 349-8130 and speak with a customer service representative. Please allow at least 3 days from date of mailing before contacting MorphoTrust regarding processing status.

Failure to complete the process as stated on these instructions will result in the card being returned to you, which will delay the process.

## **Contacting Customer Service**

For assistance with scheduling, rescheduling,	Phone: (866) 349-8130
or cancelling an appointment, refunds, or	
directions to a MorphoTrust USA IdentoGo™	
enrollment center.	
Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m. – 6 p.m. EST	
For assistance with obtaining a status or	Phone: (617) 988-6600
interpretation of your fingerprint-based criminal	Email: <u>eecfingerprint@state.ma.us</u>
history check results. (NOTE: Please do not	
contact the EEC Background Record Check	
Unit until 72 hours has passed since your	
fingerprints were taken at a MorphoTrust USA	
IdentoGo™ enrollment center.)	
Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m5:00 p.m. EST	