

The Cogent System is an FBI fingerprinting service with digital scanning of fingerprints.

Registration for Cogent System Fingerprinting:

First, you must register with Cogent Systems at <http://www.pa.cogentid.com>. Then, you may choose to visit any site for fingerprinting - there are no restrictions based on your home address. However, some fingerprinting sites require an appointment to be made. Visit <http://www.pa.cogentid.com> and look under "Print Locations and Hours" for more information. While online registration is the preferred method of registering, telephone registration can also be completed by calling 1-888-439-2486.

Payment arrangements must be made prior to having fingerprinting completed. Upon arriving to the site, you must have paid in advance online or brought a money order or cashier's check with you in order to have your prints completed. Money orders can be obtained at the on campus Post Office, located in the Bank Student Life Center.

Payment for fingerprinting is the
responsibility of the student.

*****PLEASE CHOOSE THE PA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE**



Department of Public Welfare (DPW)

Nursing students, child care facility operators/staff,
social service workers, hospital personnel,
librarians, doctors, etc

Where do I register for fingerprinting?

Registration is best conducted online at <http://www.pa.cogentid.com>. This way you can insure the correctness of all demographic information you submit. Registration involves collecting pertinent demographic information that is required by law from each applicant. During registration you will also be given the chance to pay electronically for your background check. Online registration alleviates many data collection problems and effectively speeds processing at the fingerprint site.

You may also register by phone at 1-888-439-2486.

After going to "Register Online" in the drop down box in "Reason for Fingerprinting" choose:

Employment with a significant likelihood of regular contact with children

Where are the fingerprint locations in my area?

There are fingerprint service sites established across the State. Fingerprint sites hours of operations and procedures may differ from site to site. Please review the Cogent Systems web site at <http://www.pa.cogentid.com> often and the site specific web page (if provided) to learn more about the site nearest you.

DPW's Verification Unit will return the documentation to the applicant only.
Please provide a copy to:

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