

**Update
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Beginning June 1, 2020, DSHS will require all EMS certificate/license holders, who have not already done so, to complete a fingerprint-based background check at the time of renewing certification/license.

What does this mean?

Before an application to renew can be approved, you will have to complete a fingerprint-based background check.

How will I know if I need to complete one?

Beginning early next year, a list of names of EMS certificate/license holders that have completed a fingerprint based background check will be available to view on our website at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/emstraumasystems/>. Those that are not listed can visit our website for instructions on how to complete a fingerprint background check.

Can I complete a fingerprint based background check before I renew?

Absolutely. However, you will need to schedule an appointment for a fingerprint- based background check with IdentoGO, using the correct service code number for DSHS EMS. The service code number can be found on the Texas Service Code Form which is located on DSHS website at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/emstraumasystems/>.

What if I have already completed one for another agency?

Unfortunately, because of legal restrictions, criminal history information can't be shared between organizations. You will need to complete another fingerprint based background check for DSHS.

Will you provide updates on this new requirement?

Yes. For any future updates, please visit our website at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/emstraumasystems/> and watch for updates in the Texas EMS/Trauma Newsletter.