PA Child Abuse History, Criminal History, and FBI Clearances

All three clearances can be found at: <http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/findaform/childabusehistoryclearanceforms/index.htm>

1. **PA Child Abuse Clearance:** <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/CWIS>

For your PA Child Abuse History Clearance, you have 3 options: Mailing your application (wait time for the results is approx. 4 weeks), driving to the Child Abuse Background Check site (wait time is approx. 15 minutes), **OR** complete online process). Costs $10.00.

* **Mailing Option:** Fill out the form for the PA Child Abuse History Clearance. Include a $10.00 money order (that can be purchased at a location such as Giant or Turkey Hill). Cash or personal checks are not accepted.
* **Driving Option:** Driving directly to the Child Abuse Background Check site. The building is in Harrisburg (less than an hour drive). Take completed Child Abuse form, your photo ID, and $10.00 money order (that can be purchased at a location such as Giant or Turkey Hill) with you. Cash or personal checks are not accepted. See driving directions below.
* **Online application:** <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/CWIS> Step by step directions are provided below if needed.

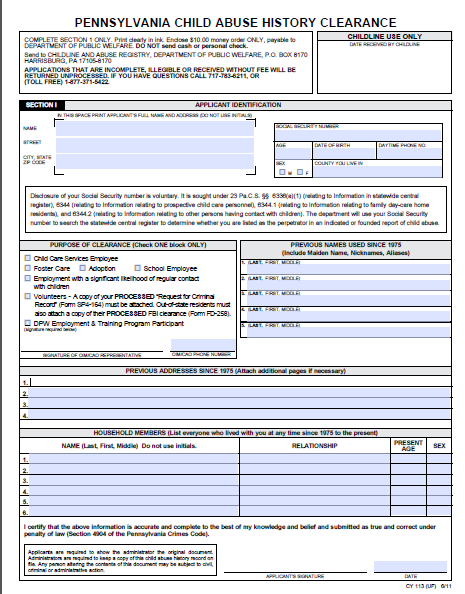
Driving directions to the Child Background Building:

* Route 283 W to 283N to 83 N
* 83 N to 81 S
* Take Exit 69 Progress Avenue and bear right to go South on Progress Avenue
* At 4th light, make a right onto Elmerton Avenue (CVS is on the right)
* Continue on Elmerton Avenue, at 4th light make a left onto Sycamore Drive
* Continue on Sycamore drive until you get to a BIG speed bump
* After the speed bump you will see a big, red brick building on the right.  Parking lot is on the left. You can park anywhere in the lot.
* Walk across Sycamore to the brick building (53 Hillcrest).
* Inside the entrance there is a phone on the wall. You want the phone number that is for the Child Background Check.

They are open 8:30 am – 11:45 am and 1 pm – 4:45 pm Mondays thru Fridays.

**Mailing or driving option:**

<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/ucmprd/groups/webcontent/documents/form/s_001762.pdf>



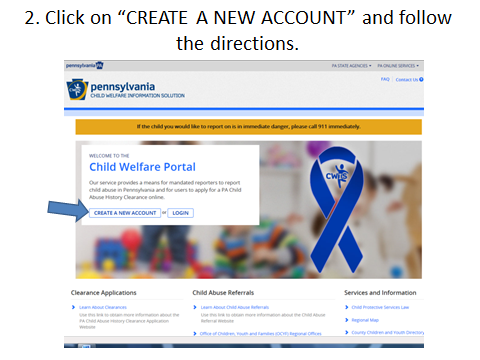
Complete the information in Section 1

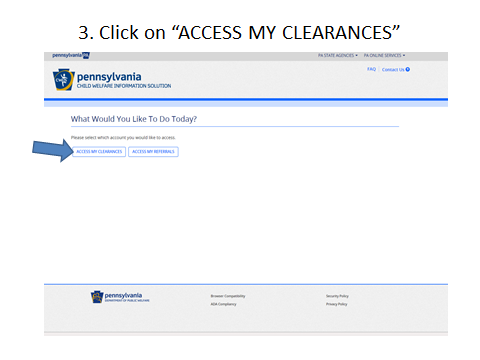
Purpose of Clearance: Unless an agency told you to check something else, check “Employment with significant likelihood of regular contact with children”

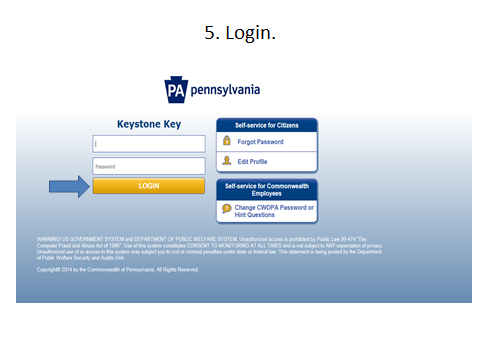
Effective December 31st, 2014: Copies of PA Criminal History Background Check or FBI clearances are no longer required to submit child clearances.

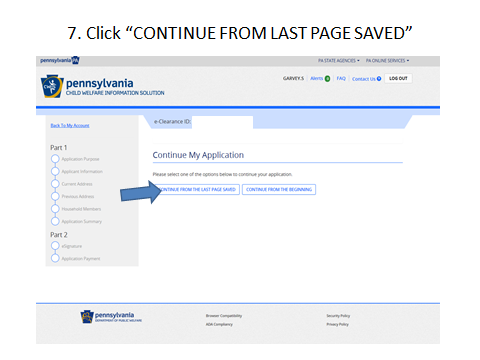
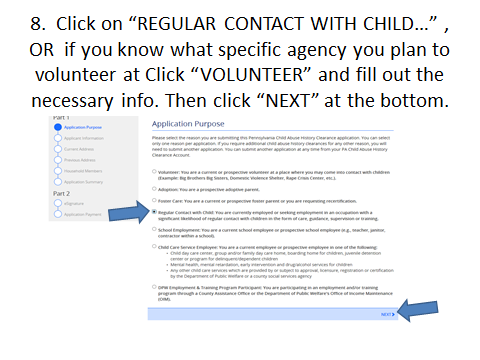
Do not forget to sign and date the bottom of the form.

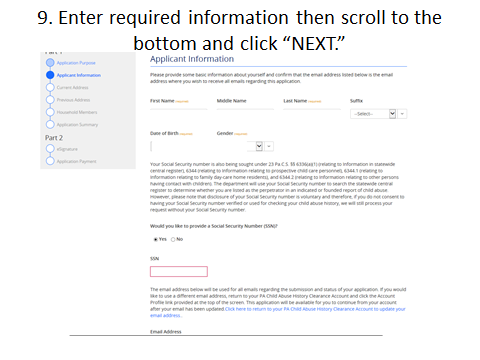
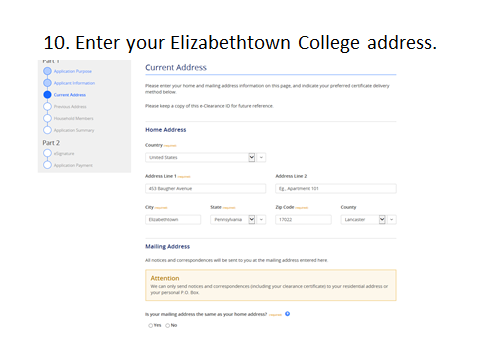
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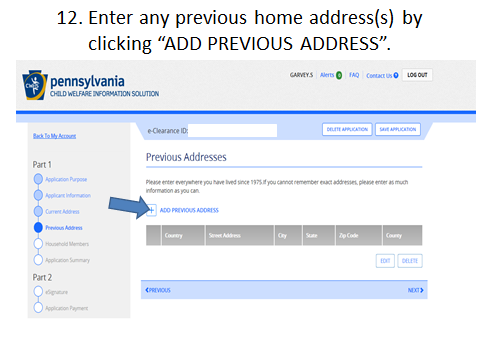


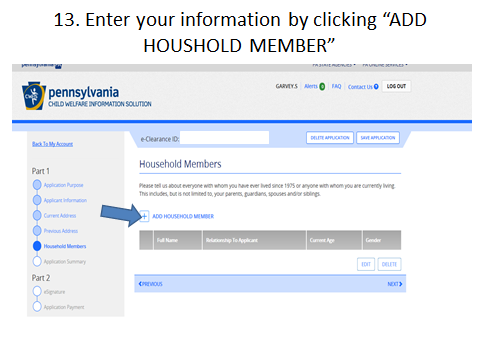
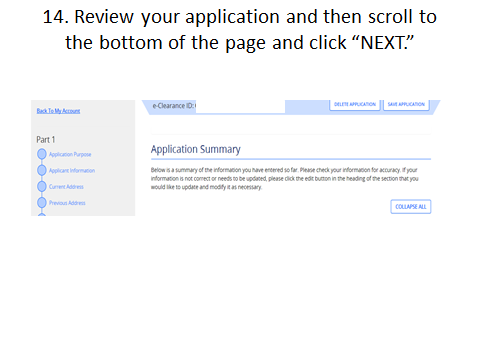


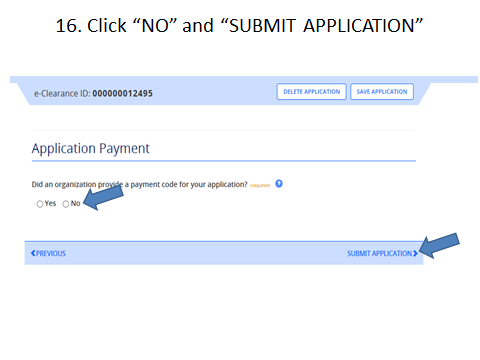


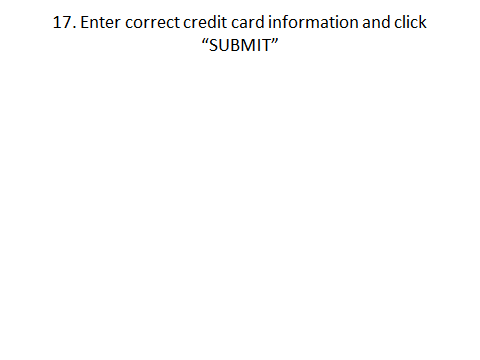
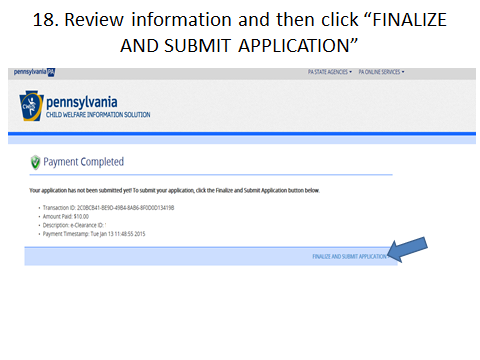


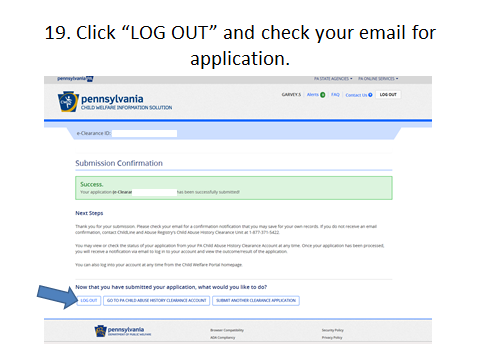
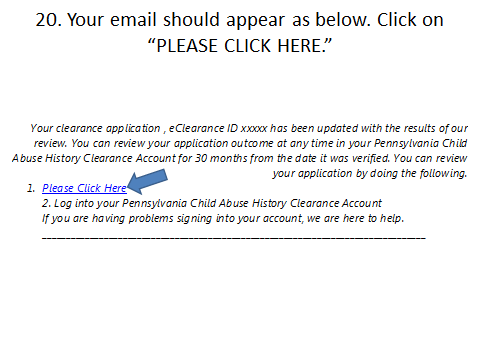


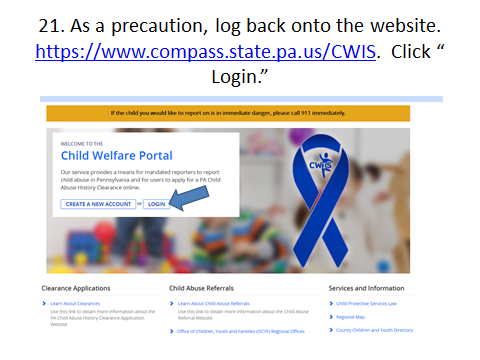
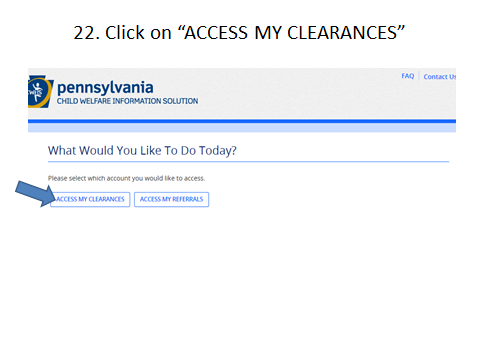


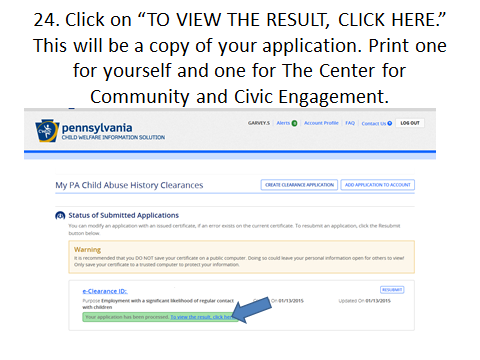
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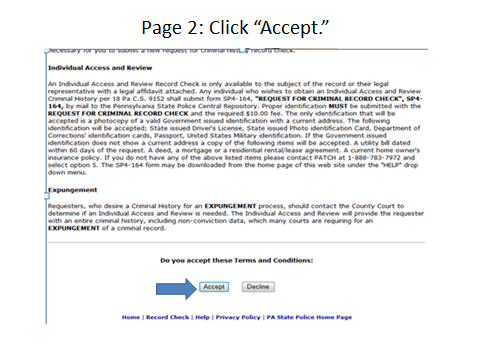
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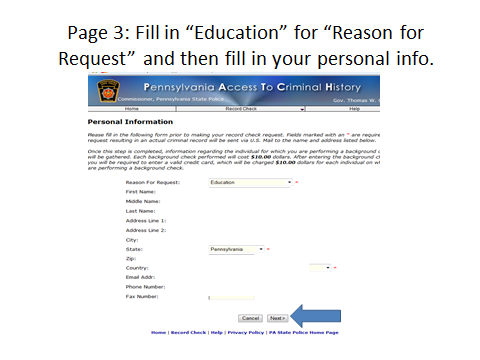
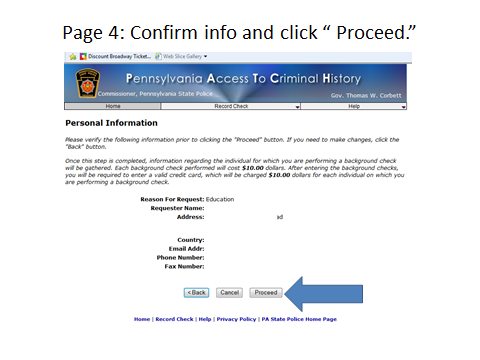
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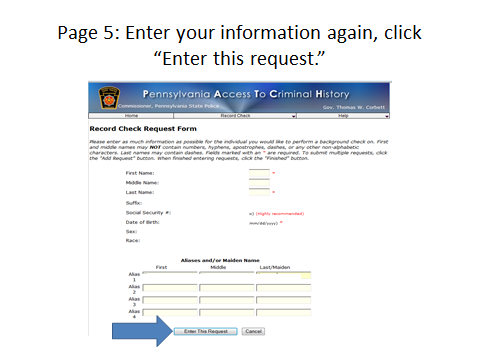
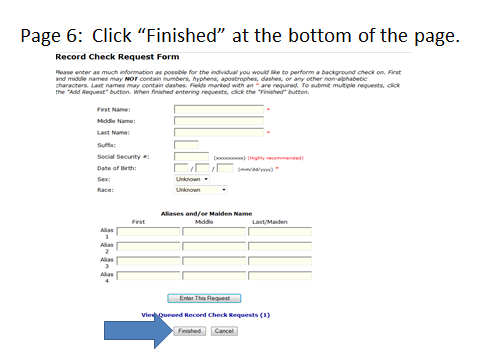
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1. **PA Criminal History Records Check:** <http://epatch.state.pa.us>

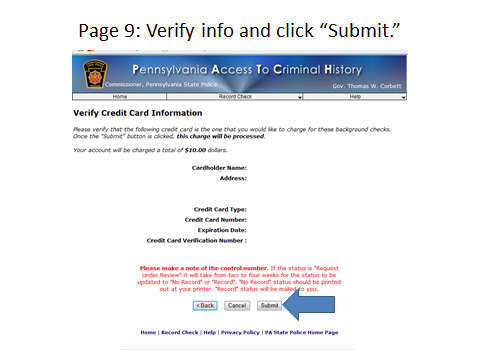
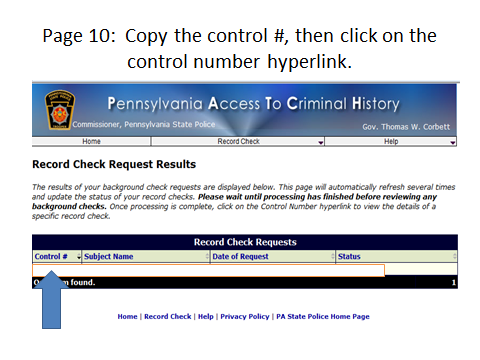
Complete online application. Credit card required, cost $10.00. Write down the control number so you can access your record if needed at a later date.

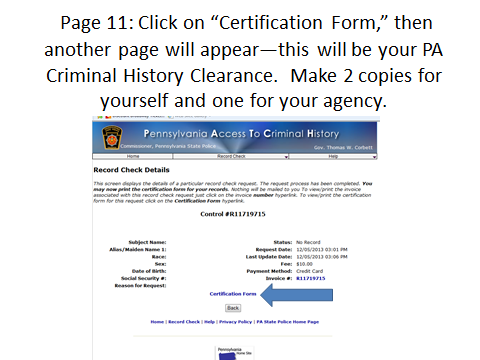


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1. **FBI Clearances:** [**https://www.pa.cogentid.com/index.htm**](https://www.pa.cogentid.com/index.htm)

Please check with your agency **before** completing the application. Some agencies require results from the Dept of Education (PDE), while others require the Department of Welfare (DPW) results. Cost: $28.75.

