

MEDIA INFORMATION

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Canadian criminal record check within in 10 business days

People living outside of Canada can now go through an expedited process to obtain their Canadian criminal record certificate (also known as Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Certified Criminal Record Check, Canadian Police Check or RCMP Civil Product) within an average of 10 business days. The new service from VFS Global, the world's largest visa outsourcing and technology services specialist for governments and diplomatic missions, can be accessed via the VFS Global website by customers based in the United Arab Emirates, the United States and China, with more locations opening soon. The service is being delivered in partnership with Gambit ID, which an RCMP-accredited company.

A criminal record check is typically needed by a Canadian citizen starting a new job abroad or by a person who has lived for a few months or more in Canada, starting work in another country. Following the check, which normally can be completed in 10 business days, applicants receive a certified copy of their results. The four-step process requires capturing ink fingerprints, something VFS Global does routinely in its global network of visa application centres. It has 2 conveniently located centres in the UAE, 7 in the USA and 3 in China. The status of an application is automatically tracked, with progress notifications sent instantly by email.

Sonia Dhayagude, Head of Americas for VFS Global, said: *"We are delighted to launch the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Canadian fingerprinting services, in partnership with Gambit ID, for our customers in the United Arab Emirates, the United States and China. The VFS Global system offers customers a secure and reliable process for customers at a highly competitive price. Customers can also track their application via our automated online process."*

To ensure a safe, productive environment for employees and customers alike and to protect communities, to the maximum extent possible, from the spread of COVID-19, VFS Global has established standardised protective measures to be followed at all its application centres. They follow the highest health & safety standards based on guidelines from the World Health Organisation and local health authorities, including specific physical distancing and relevant health & safety mandates.

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Notes to editors:

For more information visit the VFS Global website:
<https://www.vfsglobal.com/canada/criminal-record-check/>

Customers can obtain an appointment for the **Canadian criminal record check** at the following VFS Global Application centres:

USA : Boston, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco and Washington DC.

China : Shanghai, Beijing and Guangzhou

UAE: Dubai and Abu Dhabi

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