Mobile Electronic Fingerprinting Adds Ink Card Service in Bloomington

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Mobile Electronic Fingerprinting has added ink fingerprint card service in Bloomington, offering traditional rolled ink prints alongside its existing electronic fingerprinting, with both in-office appointments and on-site visits for businesses and groups.

Many people assume ink fingerprinting has been fully replaced by electronic capture, but ink cards remain a requirement for a wide range of purposes. Professional licensing boards in many states still ask out-of-state applicants to submit fingerprints on the FBI's standard FD-258 card, and some agencies use their own card formats. Individuals requesting their own FBI Identity History Summary can submit an ink card by mail. People who need a background check for use abroad, such as for international employment, residency, teaching programs, or adoption, often need a card-based FBI check that can later be authenticated for use in another country. Some financial, legal, and regulatory filings also call for physical cards.

Because the card itself is the submission, print quality matters. A card that comes back rejected means starting over, often after weeks of waiting. Common reasons for rejection include smudged or overinked prints, partial rolls that do not capture the full fingerprint pattern from nail edge to nail edge, prints placed in the wrong boxes, and missing or incomplete personal information on the card. Technicians roll each finger fully, capture the flat impressions required at the bottom of the card, and check every print for clarity before the appointment ends.

Some people have fingerprints that are naturally difficult to capture. Ridges can be worn down by age, manual labor, frequent handwashing, certain medications, or work with chemicals and abrasives. Very dry skin also produces faint prints. The company advises applicants to avoid lotion on the day of the appointment, since it can cause smearing, and to drink water beforehand, which can help with dry skin. Technicians use techniques suited to hard-to-print ridges and will take additional cards when needed.

Applicants should come prepared. That includes bringing a valid government-issued photo ID, the specific card or form required by the requesting agency if one was provided, and any instructions from the agency,

which may include a required reason code or agency identifier. Personal information on the card should be filled in completely and accurately, typically in black ink, and should match the applicant's identification. If an agency did not supply a card, applicants should confirm whether a standard FD-258 card is acceptable before the appointment.

The mobile service is designed for employers and organizations that need prints for multiple people at once, such as schools, healthcare facilities, financial firms, security companies, and volunteer organizations. Bringing the technician to the workplace avoids sending each employee to a separate appointment. Electronic fingerprinting remains available for agencies that accept or require digital submission, and many Minnesota background checks now run electronically through state channels. Applicants unsure which method applies should check with the agency requesting the prints.

Applicants are welcome to ask how personal information collected during the appointment is handled and stored.

Anyone scheduling ink fingerprinting in Bloomington, MN is encouraged to confirm the exact card type and submission method their requesting agency requires, since requirements vary by state, employer, and purpose.

Appointment scheduling, on-site service requests, and details on ink fingerprinting in Bloomington, MN are available through the Mobile Electronic Fingerprinting website.

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