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SUBJECT: Scouts – Ministry of Justice Criminal Record Review Program (CRRP) for BC

The BC Government's Criminal Records Review Program (CRRP) provides criminal record checks free-of-charge to Scouts Canada volunteers in the province as part of an ongoing commitment to support the non-profit sector. The program also allows volunteers to share the results of clear checks with other registered organizations thereby reducing the need for multiple checks. Please be aware that although the Ministry allows for sharing up to five years from search date, Scouts Canada accepts screening within a much smaller window: three months from search date.

Where applicants are found to share a date of birth and gender with a pardoned offender in the Vulnerable Sector, the CRRP requires fingerprints to verify identify and to exclude applicants as the offender. Fingerprinting is at the applicant's expense as required by their local police agency. In many cases, individuals will only require fingerprinting once every ten years through the program.

Where other issues are found as part of the criminal record check, applicants must submit through local police services to identify/disclose charges so that we can determine next steps in accordance with Scouts Canada's screening procedures.

The results of the criminal record check will be sent to Scouts Canada; a Member Services agent will update the individual's MyScouts account to reflect the result details.

New: On May 18, 2021, the Ministry implemented a new applicant-based online service (eCRC) which uses BC Service Cards as Electronic Identity Verification (EIV). A new link has been provided; the access code (listed below) remains the same for our members. Use of BC Service Cards will enable a broader range of individuals to successful complete applications online through the Ministry program. For more information regarding the BC Services Card, please visit gov.bc.ca/bcservicescard.

To initiate your criminal record check, please use the following link and access code through the secure online service:

Website: https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck

Access Code: BPMXBZZ8B9

Resources:

<u>CRRP – BC Services Card FAQ</u> <u>eCRC Online Service – User Guide 2021</u>

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