

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING CORI CERTIFICATION

Beginning Monday, March 12, 2012, the DCJIS will stop accepting CORI Certification applications. This change is necessary in order to transition to the new iCORI system that will be implemented on May 4, 2012. All current CORI certifications have been extended through May 4, 2012. If your organization has a current CORI Certification, you will not be required to apply for re-certification.

Any agency which is not CORI Certified as of 3/12/2012 will be required to submit publicly accessible CORI requests.

NEW USERS:

Why is DCJIS no longer accepting CORI certification applications?

On May 4, 2012, Chapter 256 of the Acts of 2010 (commonly referred to as the "CORI Reform Law") will become effective. The CORI Reform Law will significantly change the availability of CORI. On that date, a new CORI system, "iCORI," will be available for use by the public, employers, landlords, professional licensing authorities and volunteer organizations.

On May 4, 2012, your agency will be able to register to access CORI online through the new iCORI system.

For a summary of the CORI Reform Law and for updates on this transition, please see the DCJIS website at: www.mass.gov/cjis.

Will exceptions be made for agencies that are statutorily required to conduct CORI checks that are not currently CORI certified and need to submit CORI checks before May 4, 2012?

Yes. If your agency is statutorily required to conduct CORI checks, you are not currently certified, and you need to submit CORI requests before May 4, 2012, you may contact the legal department at 617-660-4760.

Examples of statutorily required agencies include: schools; hospitals; nursing homes; camps; volunteer organizations for children; assisted living facilities; councils on aging; security guard companies; and banks.

If I am not statutorily required to conduct CORI checks and need to submit a request, how do I submit a CORI check during this transition period?

Through May 4, 2012, you may submit publicly accessible CORI requests. The publicly accessible CORI request form is available [here](#).

The publicly accessible CORI request form must be completed and mailed to the DCJIS along with a payment of \$30.00 per CORI request. CORI check results will be returned by mail.

On May 4, 2012, you will be able to register to access CORI online through the new iCORI system.

CURRENT USERS:

How does this change affect currently certified agencies?

This change does not affect currently certified agencies. Currently certified agencies may continue to submit CORI requests through the Web-CORI system based on the certification previously issued to them. On May 4, 2012, currently certified agencies will need to register for an iCORI account in order to obtain CORI.

What if I want to submit a request for a position that is not covered under my CORI certification?

In the event your agency seeks to submit requests for CORI outside of your previous grant of certification, your agency will need to submit a publicly accessible CORI request.

Your agency may request publicly accessible CORI at any time. Publicly accessible CORI does not require CORI certification and can be submitted by mail to the DCJIS CORI Unit. The publicly accessible CORI request form is available [here](#).

My agency's CORI certification is set to expire before May 4, 2012. Should I renew my certification?

No. The DCJIS has automatically renewed all current CORI certifications that are set to expire before the effective date of the new iCORI system.

My agency is currently CORI certified. Can I continue to submit CORI checks through the Web-CORI system?

Yes. Currently certified agencies must continue to submit CORI checks through the online Web-CORI system. On May 4, 2012, all agencies, including those that are currently certified, will be required to register to use the new iCORI system.

What regulations and policies apply to CORI checks during this transition period?

The same policies and regulations apply to the CORI process during this transition period. For information regarding the CORI regulations, please click [here](#).

For information on CORI Record Keeping Requirements, please click [here](#).