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Statewide Applicant Fingerprint Identification Services (SAFIS) Program

Registration Guide

Massachusetts Department of Children and Families (DCF)





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About the Statewide Applicant Fingerprint Identification Services (SAFIS) Program

Massachusetts Law and Federal Law require the Department of Children and Families to fingerprint persons seeking to become foster or adoptive parents during the initial licensing process, and requires foster and adoptive parents of the Department to be fingerprinted during the bi-annual re-licensing process. The Department of Children and Families has partnered with MorphoTrust USA and the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) to use the EOPSS Statewide Applicant Fingerprint Identification Services (SAFIS) program to take fingerprints for Department Foster and Adoptive parent applicants and parents. This program was established by EOPSS in partnership with the Department of Criminal Justice Information Services (DCJIS) and Massachusetts State to support non-criminal justice fingerprint based state and national Police (MSP), criminal history record information (CHRI) checks. This program has convenient applicant fingerprinting enrollment centers throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Applicants must register for an appointment via the IdentoGO™ by MorphoTrust USA registration system. Fingerprints are captured and submitted electronically for processing by the MSP and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). State and national CHRI results are disseminated to authorized organizations by the DCJIS.

Overview of the Fingerprinting Process

The following is an overview of the SAFIS fingerprinting process:

- An applicant registers for a fingerprinting appointment via either the MorphoTrust USA IdentoGO™ registration website or the MorphoTrust Massachusetts Customer Service (telephone) Center;
- An applicant goes to a MorphoTrust USA IdentoGO[™] enrollment center on the date and time selected by him/her and has his/her fingerprints taken;
- The applicant's fingerprints are sent electronically to the Massachusetts State Police (MSP) for a statewide criminal history record check and to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for a nationwide criminal record check;
- The results of both the State and National fingerprint-based criminal history record checks are returned to the MSP; and

 The State and National fingerprint-based criminal history record check results are returned to DCF for review. DCF will then determine if the applicant is suitable or not suitable for the position sought.

Important Requirements

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Information Required at Registration

To register for an appointment to have your fingerprints taken at one of the MorphoTrust USA IdentoGO™ enrollment centers, the following information is required:

Person Identification Number (PID) - DCF will provide you with your Person Identification Number (PID) once you have been deemed suitable based on a preliminary background check.

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Your Registration Confirmation and an Acceptable Form of Identification are Required at Your Fingerprint Appointment

You must bring your **Registration Confirmation Number** with you to your fingerprinting appointment. You must also bring an acceptable form of identification (see page 23). The MorphoTrust USA IdentoGO™ enrollment center staff will match the information in the registration system with the identification provided to confirm your identity. **Fingerprints will not be taken without acceptable identification.**

Registering with MorphoTrust USA for a Fingerprinting Appointment

To get your fingerprints taken, you must register for an appointment. There are two methods available: 1). Register on-line on the MorphoTrust USA IdentoGO™ registration website; or 2). Register by phone.

MorphoTrust USA IdentoGO™ Massachusetts Registration Website

- Go to http://www.identogo.com/FP/Massachusetts.aspx
- Click the Online Scheduling link.
- To see a complete list of MorphoTrust USA IdentoGO™ enrollment centers in Massachusetts, click on the Locations link.
- To access online resources, click on Forms and Links



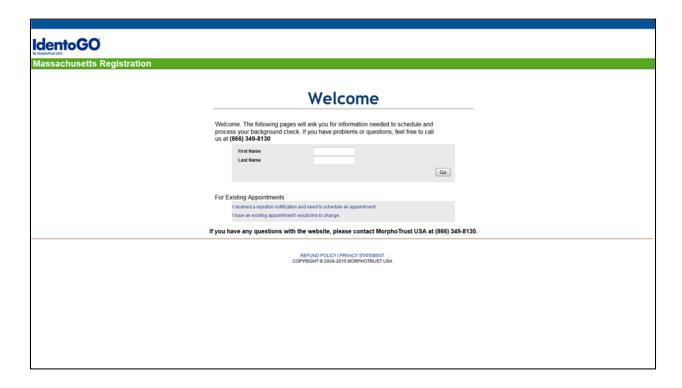
Registering Online

To begin the registration process:

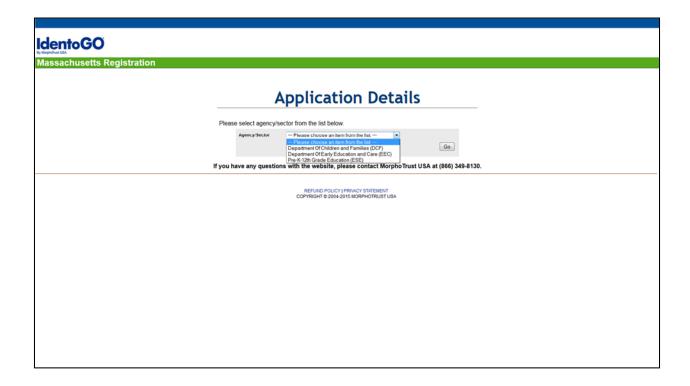
- Go to http://www.identogo.com/FP/Massachusetts.aspx
- Click the Online Scheduling link.

APPLICATION DETAILS

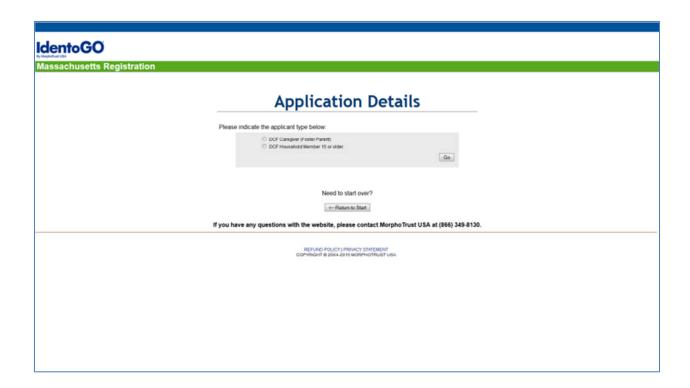
Enter First Name and Last Name.



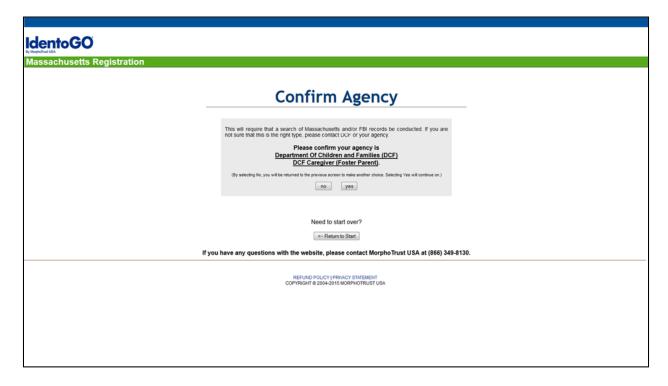
- Click the Go button on the page.
- In the Agency/Sector drop-down list, Select Department of Children and Families (DCF).
- Click Go



- Based on the position for which you are being fingerprinted, select DCF Caregiver (Foster Parent) or DCF Household Member 15 or older.
- Click Go



Based on your Applicant Type selection, Click Yes to confirm your Agency.



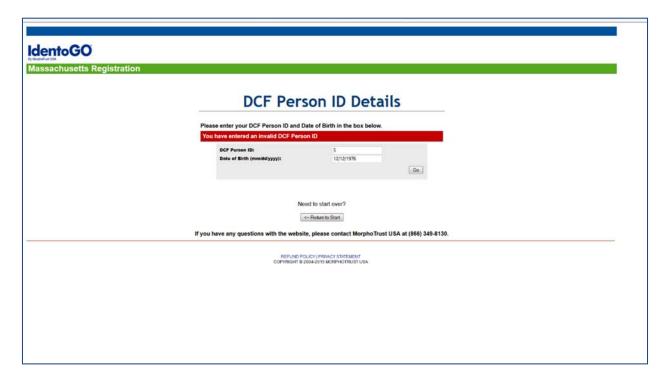
Enter the DCF Person ID (PID) you obtained from DCF and your Date of Birth (DOB) and click Go.



- The First and Last Name associated with the PID and DOB you entered will be displayed. Please verify that the First and Last Name is correct.
- If correct, click the Correct button.



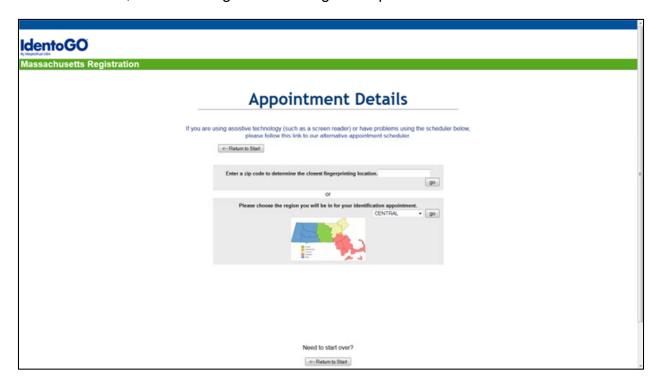
If not correct, click the Incorrect button and reenter the PID and DOB.



NOTE: If the First and Last Name displayed on the screen, does not match the PID and DOB entered, please contact your DCF Family Resource Worker to verify your PID.

APPOINTMENT DETAILS

- To find the location of the nearest MorphoTrust USA IdentoGO™ enrollment center, enter Zip Code in the box provided and click Go.
- To see a list of all MorphoTrust USA IdentoGO[™] locations in a particular region of the state, select the region in the Region drop-down list and click Go.

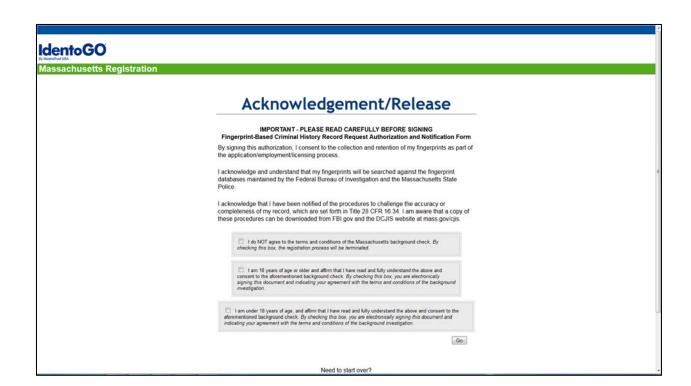


- Available appointments during the next seven (7) days will be presented.
- To view future dates, click the Next Week link.
- Click on the Click to Schedule link for the date and location you want.
- Select the preferred time.
- Click, Go.



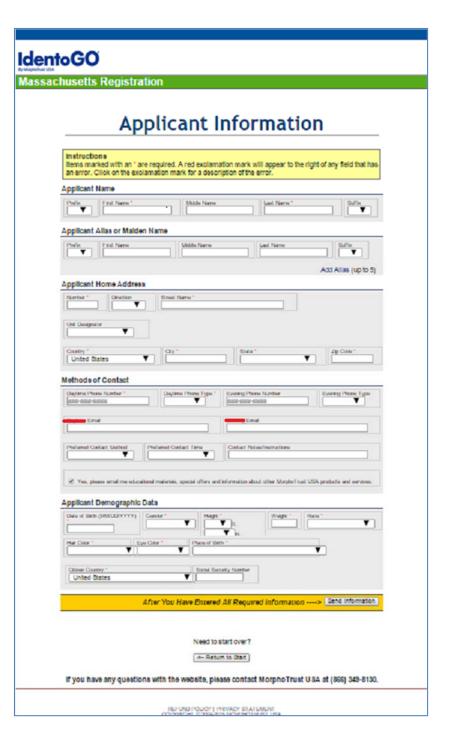
A consent form to authorize the fingerprint-based background check will be presented for review by the applicant.

- If you agree to the terms and conditions, select I Affirm that I have read and fully understand the above and consent to the aforementioned background check.
- If you do not agree to the Terms and Conditions, select I DO NOT Agree to the terms and conditions of the Massachusetts background check and the registration process will be cancelled.
- If the applicant is less than eighteen (18) years of age, a parent or legal guardian will also need to review and electronically provide consent.
 - ✓ Enter First Name and Last Name of the parent or legal guardian.
 - ✓ Select, I Affirm that I have read and fully understand the above and consent to the aforementioned background check.
- Click Go.

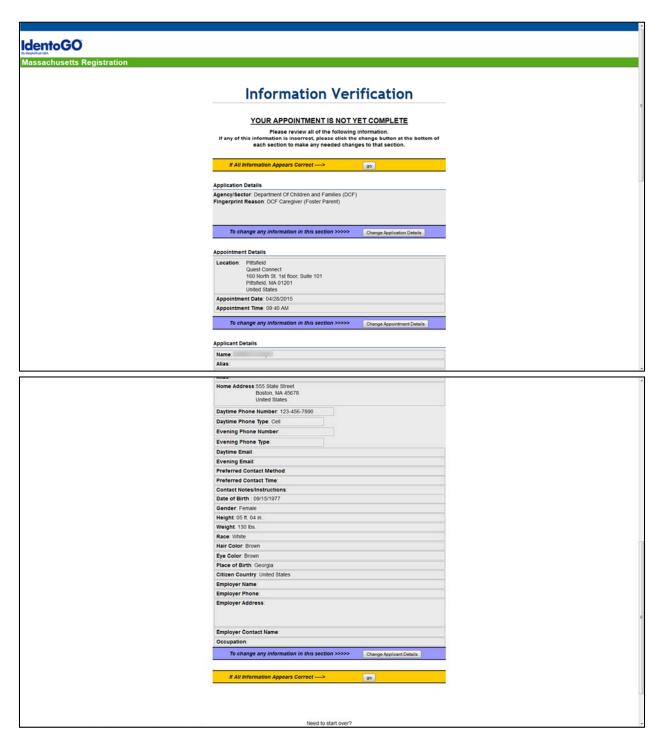


APPLICANT DETAILS

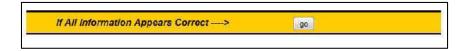
- You will be required to provide standard demographic data, including Name, Date of Birth, Home Address, and Contact Information. Please note MSP and FBI require information such as gender, height, weight, race, hair, eye color, and place of birth.
- Enter the required information and click the **Send Information** button.



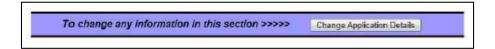
You will then be required to verify the information provided for the registration process.



If all of the information provided is correct, click the GO button at the top of the page.



If any of the Application Details are incorrect, click the Change Application Details button.



If any of the Appointment Details are incorrect, click the Change Appointment Details button.



If any of the Applicant Details are incorrect, click the Change Applicant Details button.



COMPLETE REGISTRATION

Print a copy of the Registration Complete screen and bring the Registration Confirmation with you to your appointment.



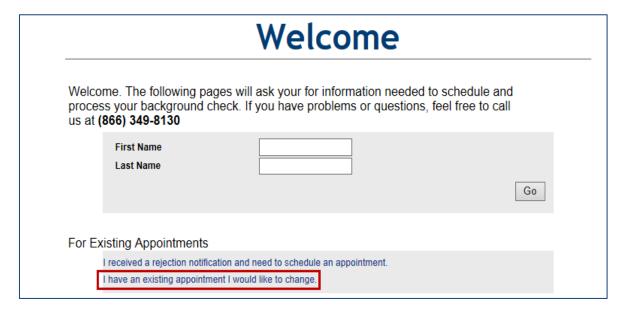
Registering by Phone

Although online registration is the best way to register for a fingerprinting appointment, you may also register by calling the MorphoTrust Massachusetts Customer Service Center toll free at (866) 349-8130. You will be asked the same information as required by the online registration process, so please have all information available to provide to MorphoTrust Massachusetts Customer Service Representative. Please note you will be provided with a **Registration ID number**, so please be prepared to record this number for future reference.

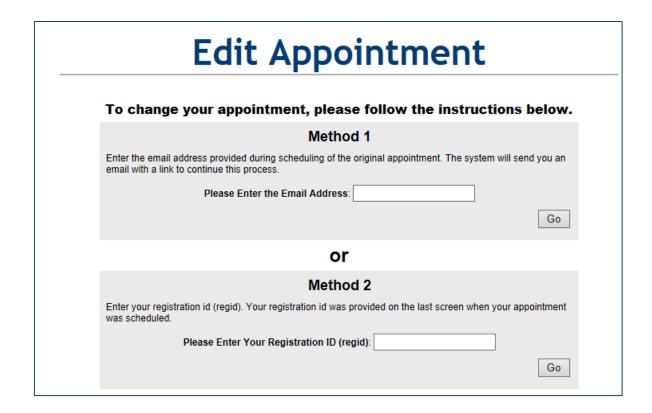
Rescheduling an Appointment

If you need to reschedule your fingerprinting appointment, you must do the following:

- Go to http://www.identogo.com/FP/Massachusetts.aspx
- Select I have an existing appointment I would like to change link at the bottom of the page.



- Enter either your email address or your Registration ID. If you don't have either
 or the website does not locate your record, please contact the MorphoTrust
 Massachusetts Customer Service Center at (866) 349-8130 for assistance.
- Click Go.



Cancelling an Appointment

To cancel an appointment, you must call the MorphoTrust Massachusetts Customer Service Center toll free at (866) 349-8130. Before cancelling, you should be certain you do not need an alternate appointment.

Missed Appointments

If you miss your appointment, you can schedule a new appointment by visiting the MorphoTrust USA IdentoGO™ registration web site and selecting the option to change your existing appointment. The website allows applicants to change appointment locations and times as necessary. Please follow instructions presented on the website. You may also contact the MorphoTrust Massachusetts Customer Service Center at (866) 349-8130 to schedule a new appointment.

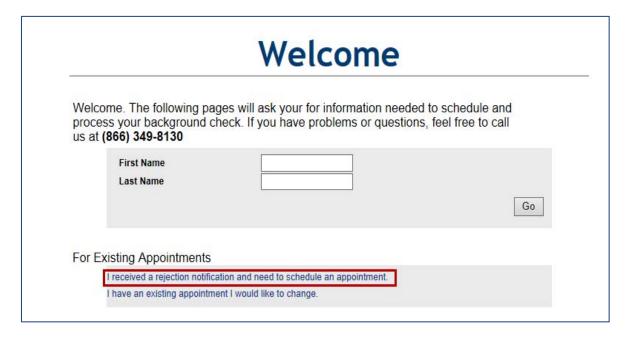
If you wish to cancel your appointment completely, please follow the instructions in the Cancelling an Appointment section above.

Rejection Notification

In some instances, an applicant's fingerprints are rejected by either the Massachusetts State Police or Federal Bureau of Investigation due to poor fingerprint quality.

If you receive a reject notification, you must do the following:

- Go to http://www.identogo.com/FP/Massachusetts.aspx
- Click I received a rejection notification and need to schedule an appointment link at the bottom of the page.



- Enter your email address, Registration ID, or Transaction Control Number (TCN) in one of the boxes provided. Please note the TCN is a unique thirteen (13) character alphanumeric field which is assigned to each civil fingerprint submission and is printed on the receipt provided at the conclusion of the fingerprint appointment. If you do not have the required information, or if the web site does not locate your record, please contact MorphoTrust Massachusetts Customer Service Center at (866) 349-8130 for assistance.
- Click Go.

Retake Appointment

To process a retake appointment follow the instructions below. Method 1 Enter the email address provided during scheduling of the original appointment. The system will send you an email with a link to continue this process. Please Enter the Email Address: Go or Method 2 Enter your registration id (regid). Your registration id was provided on the last screen when your appointment Please Enter Your Registration ID (regid): Go or Method 3 Please enter your Transaction Control Number (TCN). The number must be entered exactly. Please Enter Your TCN: Go

Acceptable Forms of Identification

All applicants will be required to present an acceptable form of identification at the time of fingerprint capture at a MorphoTrust USA IdentoGO[™] Center. Acceptable forms of identification are as follows:

Primary Identification Documents

The following documents are acceptable forms of identification:

- Driver's License from any U.S. state or territory
- Valid State Identification Card from any U.S. state or territory
- U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport Card
- Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt Card (Form I-551)
- Foreign Passport with temporary I-551 stamp or temporary I-551 printed notation on a machine readable immigrant visa
- Foreign Passport and Form I-94 or Form I-94A
- Employment Authorization Document which contains a photograph (Form I-766)
- U.S. Military Card with identifiable photograph.
- U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Document or Merchant Mariner Credential
- Transportation Worker Identification Credential
- Enhanced Tribal Card

All documents must include an identifiable photo, the applicant's full name, and date of birth. All documents must be verifiable and unexpired.

Applicants Under 18 Years of Age

If you are under eighteen (18) years of age and unable to present one of the primary identification documents listed above, you must provide an original or certified copy of a Birth Certificate issued by an authorized U.S. agency with an official seal or Certification of Birth Abroad (issued by U.S. Department of State) **AND** one of the following documents:

- School Identification Card (Public or Private School)
- School Record or Report Card
- Home Schooling Education Plan
- U.S. Social Security Card

Fingerprint Appointment

You are expected to visit a MorphoTrust USA IdentoGO™ enrollment center at the scheduled date and time. You should be sure to have all required documentation and

identification with you, and should expect the fingerprinting process to take from 5-10 minutes. The Enrollment Agent onsite will verify your identity with the provided identification document, scan your identification to verify authenticity, verify all of your demographic data, and then proceed to fingerprint you using electronic scanning equipment. Any questions prior to or after the fingerprint appointment should be directed to the MorphoTrust Massachusetts Customer Service Center at (866) 349-8130 or to DCF.

At the conclusion of your fingerprint appointment, you will be provided with a receipt. Please provide a copy of the receipt to your DCF Family Resource Worker. A single receipt will be provided to the applicant; please be sure to retain the copy and make an extra copy for your own files. Multiple copies will not be provided.

Contacting Customer Service

For assistance with scheduling, rescheduling,	Phone: (866) 349-8130
or cancelling an appointment, refunds, or	
directions to a MorphoTrust USA IdentoGO™	
enrollment center.	
Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m. – 6 p.m. EST	
For assistance with obtaining a status or	
interpretation of your fingerprint-based criminal	
history check results. (NOTE: Please do not	Contact your Family Resource
contact your DCF Family Resource Unit until	Worker
72 hours has passed since your fingerprints	
were taken at a MorphoTrust USA IdentoGO™	
enrollment center.)	
Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m5:00 p.m. EST	