

Most commonly asked questions regarding the MD Wear and Carry and HQL

"Why can't I use another fingerprinting I had done at my job/for government clearance/etc?"

- **MSP and Md. Law** requires each application to be fingerprinted and scanned per the CJIS authorization codes specific to that application. They cannot be switched or used for any other purposes.

"Can I use the same Live Scan receipt and tracking number for **both** the **MD Carry** and **HQL**?"

- **NO**, you will need to do *2 separate Livescans* (\$58 each) as they do not use the same CJIS code.

"I'm not in a hurry to purchase a handgun, can I just do the Md Carry and wait to do the HQL at a later date?"

- **YES**, if you *wait until you receive the MD Carry Permit* you can apply for the HQL **for free** with *no additional fingerprinting needed*. Use the HQL Permit exemption on the MSP HQL Licensing Portal.

"Will other states accept the LiveScan tracking number for my MD Carry when I apply to carry in other states?"

(VA/UT/FL/AZ are most commonly asked for)

- **NO**. You will need to send each specific state an **FD258 FBI Fingerprint card**, we can provide these cards unless the state sends you a specific card. They are digitally scanned and printed.

"How long are my fingerprint results good for? How long do I have to use my LiveScan tracking number to finish my online application with MSP?"

- **HQL**: fingerprints are valid **12 months** prior to submission of application.
- **MD Carry**: fingerprints are valid **12 month** prior to submission – we have been told by MSP that due to the large influx of new applications, you should try to submit your application **within 2 weeks of being fingerprinted**. After that, there is a chance that your results can get kicked out of their limited queue, in which case you can call CJIS yourself to have the results re-sent to MSP. That number is on the bottom of your CJIS receipt.
- After 3 months, we no longer have access to the LiveScan application and receipt in our system, if you need to be re-printed you will have to start a new application at your cost.

"Do I need fingerprints to renew my Md Carry?"

- **NO**. *Per the MSP licensing website*, fingerprints are **NOT NEEDED** to renew unless the permit has EXPIRED, in which case you must start a NEW MD Carry MSP application.

"I've finished my application/s with MSP, what is the wait time and how do I check the status of my applications?"

- **HQL** typically takes 15 days to 1 month to receive the HQL by *email*.
- **MD Carry** may take up to 90 business days to receive the permit by *mail*.
- The status of each application can be checked on the MSP Licensing Portal.

The Fingerprint Center does not have access to the MSP Licensing Portal. All information given on this form and online is a personal courtesy of the technicians and may be subject to change per MSP.

FOR ALL OTHER MSP APPLICATION QUESTIONS, REFER TO THE MSP WEBSITE AND USER GUIDES.