

POLICE CLEARANCES
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Overview:

Certain clients and companies often request police clearance certificates to ensure that the person they are employing is of sound mind and trustworthy. Whilst the WA Police Service does not "clear" individuals for employment and licence purposes, the Police Service may provide a National Police Certificate and a State Traffic Certificate. These certificates are available for WA residents only. The following information outlines details on how to apply for these certificates.

National Police Certificate

In response to a highly mobile population, the need to protect the vulnerable or "at risk" members of the community and to cater for community expectation, the WA Police Service has from February 2003 discontinued the issuance of a "State Police Certificate" in favour of a "National Police Certificate".

A National Police Certificate lists your disclosable criminal history, recorded in any Australian police jurisdiction. If you require this certificate, you must apply in person at your local police station (for locality guide please visit <http://www.police.wa.gov.au/LocalPolice/LocalPolice.asp>) and provide suitable identification, as detailed on the application form. Telephone inquiries concerning the criminal history of either yourself or another person will not be accepted.

The WA Police Service does not process applications for a National Police Certificate from persons who reside overseas or interstate. In these circumstances, applicants from overseas must apply to the Australian Federal Police (AFP), further information and an application form can be obtained on the AFP Website (<http://www.afp.gov.au/>), whilst interstate applicants must apply to their respective police jurisdiction.

An application for a National Police Certificate form can be down-loaded from the web, <http://www.police.wa.gov.au/services/pdf/Natpolcertappform.pdf> and attracts a fee of \$41.00. (Current as at 7 February 2003)

State Traffic Certificate

A Traffic Certificate will list your disclosable traffic history, recorded by the WA Police Service. There is currently no provision for the issuance of a National Traffic Certificate.

If you require the State Traffic Certificate, you must apply in person at your local police station and provide suitable identification.

State Traffic Certificate (Continued)

An application for a Traffic Certificate form can be down-loaded from the web, <http://www.police.wa.gov.au/services/pdf/Trafficcertappform.pdf> and attracts a fee of \$15.00. (Current as at 14 July 2003)

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