

**POLICY CATEGORY:**  
**POLICY FOCUS:**

**PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE POLICY-76**  
**Criminal Record History Vendor**

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This policy provides guidance to direct owners, indirect owners and managers of pharmacies in British Columbia on submitting a criminal record history for the purpose of pharmacy licensure to the College as required in the *Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Act* sections 3(f), 5.1 and 21(1)(d.1) and *Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Act* —Bylaws sections 1, ~~and 143(5), 6(3), 9(3), 14, 16(3) and 16(4)(c).~~

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

The Board of the College of Pharmacists of BC adopts the vendor Sterling Backcheck for all criminal record history (CRH) checks.

**BACKGROUND:**

The *Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Amendment Act, 2016* considerably changed pharmacy ownership legislation. Some of the key changes included authorizing the College to:

- Identify pharmacy owners, including non-registrants;
- Determine pharmacy owners' suitability for pharmacy ownership; and
- Hold them accountable for providing safe and effective care and ensuring that their pharmacies are compliant with legislative requirements.

The Act and Bylaws set out requirements for pharmacy licensure, including a CRH. The approved vendor will administer the criminal record check and will provide the results to the College for review in accordance with the legislation.

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