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New Updates & Important Reminders for 2025

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Agenda



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2025

Compliance Reporting – 7 years Fee Increases – The Work Number Drug Screening increases Data Retention Policy Third-Party reporting Hiring Policy reminders Use of Summary Alerts & Scoring Continuous Monitoring & Rescreens State Challenges Integrations



Closing Questions and Answers

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7-year criminal conviction reporting

Current Federal Rule

- Convictions Reportable Forever
- Non-Convictions / Pending / Deferral reportable 7 yrs from charge date or file date
- 9 states already impose a 7-year restriction
- Some records beyond 7 years are not complete or reliable
- County Criminal search is based on 7-year address history
- Your employees think the reporting limit is 7 years
- Employer's tolerance to types of risk is changing and inline with EEOC
- Most clients scope is 7 year





7-year criminal conviction reporting

- RSI will continue to report major felony convictions (Ex: Violence, Sex Crimes, etc.) under the federal law
 - Felonies for Life
- Clients in Healthcare and Child Services will not see any changes to their reports. ANY Client can choose to receive the maximum reporting standard if necessary.
 - Maximum reporting under federal and state law
- Contact RSI Help Desk if you have a need for a different reporting Scope and we will add special instruction <u>help@referenceservices.com</u>
- Change begins January 1, 2025





The Work Number

Equifax owns The Work Number and continues their process of annual increases for accessing their data.

- Beginning January 1st, the rate will increase from \$87.20 to \$95.92.
- This is an RSI negotiated discount
 - Normal rate is \$119
- **TWN** claims
 - 10% more data since July 2023
 - 3.4+ million employers contribute to their data
 - 695m+ records







The Work Number - Alternatives

RSI can add required documents for the applicant to submit to RSI when using our Quick APP process

- Submit their own The Work Number report
 - Individual reports are free
- Request Tax documents or other proof of employment
 - Federal form 4506-C authorization to release tax records





Drug Screening cost - eScreen

- Known for annual increases due to increasing labor and lab cost
 - December 1st increase coming
- Alternatives
 - Point of Collection oral fluid devices Less than \$10 per device
 - Instant, Use for non-negative, Low cost
 - Electronic Employer Collect (around \$40 per test)
 - Instant Oral Fluid device
 - Lab tested







Data Retention, Viewing Reports

Data Retention

- RSI policy is to maintain data for 3 years
- Due to increasing class action litigation

Viewing Reports

- Be sure to read the entire report and do no rely on the Summary section when making a hiring decision
- The Summary does not define the level of the "alert"
- Social Security Trace cannot be used to make a hiring decision
- Your written hiring policy should identify disqualifying records





Sharing Reports with Third Party

- Reminder, RSI reports are only viewable by the "End User" (Our Client)
 - Authorization from the applicant is only approving RSI and the End User to view the report

PEOs / Hiring Agencies

- If you are sharing reports, the courts may consider you a CRA which requires you to follow FCRA
 - Dispute reconciliation, etc.
- Best process is to "Certify" that the applicant / employee passes the HR policy of your third party
 - Authorization Form says the CRA and End User are the only parties authorized to view the report

If necessary for third-party to view

Sperate End User agreement with RSI and add third party to Authorization form





Continuous Monitoring, Rescreening

If you rescreen annually, or have high risk positions, consider the benefits of Continuous Monitoring. In most cases, the annual cost is less than a rescreen and provides daily or monthly monitoring to alert changes in records

- Criminal monitoring includes excessive traffic violations
- Healthcare sanctions monitoring
- Rescreening options are available at various intervals
 - Monthly, Quarterly, Annually depending on the RSI platform being used





State Challenges

CLEAN SLATE LAW – REMOVING PII – TECHNOLOGY CHANGES/FAILURES

- Current states of interest include:
 - Michigan
 - New Jersey
 - California
 - Delaware
 - Colorado
 - Minnesota coming Jan 2025
- RSI Monitors orders daily to identify potential "problem" jurisdictions and get issues resolved quickly
 - You will be notified if any issues are affecting your orders
 - ETAs are added/updated in the system in some cases











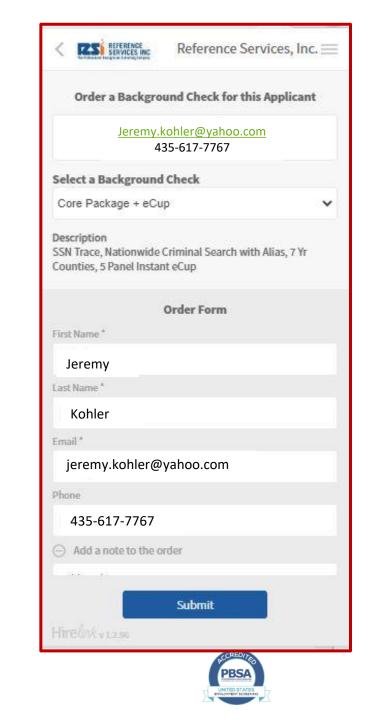
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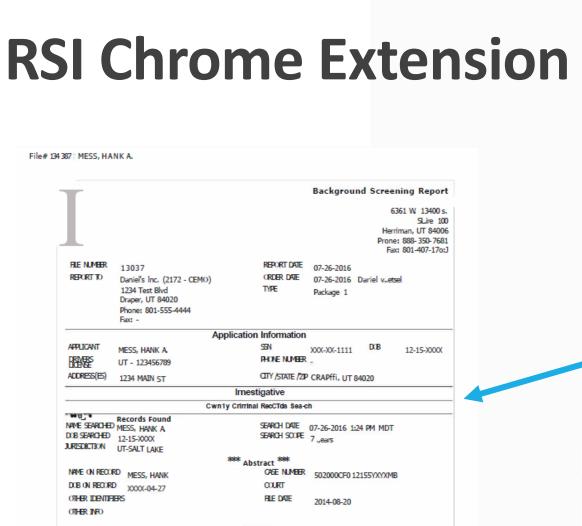




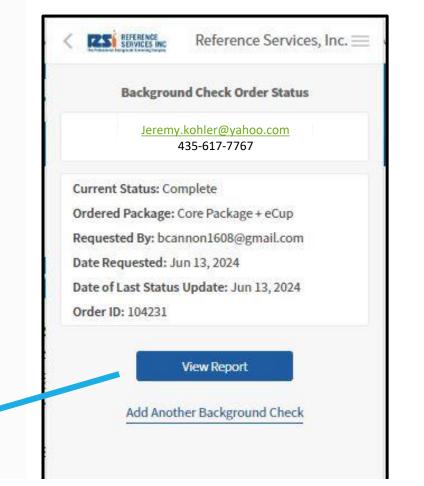
RSI Chrome Extension

- 1. Add applicant name
- 2. Select background screening custom package
- 3. Select work location system supports multi-location child accounts, if needed
- 4. Submit
- System then sends Quick App email / text from the RSI system to applicant to capture personal data and authorization forms









You can view the report as searches are being completed. Will show either "Complete" or "Partial" Once completed, you will select "View Report" to open the report in a separate tab.

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Key Takeaways



- RSI Standard Scope will be 7 years
- The Work Number fee is increasing
 - There are alternative with applicant docs
- Escreen price increase
 - Alternatives with POCT
- RSI Data Retention is 3 years
- Be careful sharing reports with third parties
- Consider Continuous Monitoring / Rescreening
- Some States are reducing PII
- Lots of Integration options
 - RSI Chrome Extension
- Reminder check the RSI News and Announcement often for important updates
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