How long does an International Police Check take?

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Typical Turnaround Times

Your international criminal history check is typically finalised within **5–15 business days** after your application and ID documents are verified.

Processing time depends on several factors:

- **The country or region** where records are verified
- **Government-agency response times**
- **Public holidays or local verification processes**
- **Accuracy and completeness** of your submitted information

Worker Checks automatically tracks progress and alerts you when your results are ready in your secure portal.

Average Processing by Country

Country / Region	Approximate Turnaround	Notes
New Zealand	~ 5 business days	Fast electronic verification
United States of America	1 – 2 business days	Rapid automated search

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United Kingdom	10 – 15 business days	Standard police-database processing
Singapore	10 – 15 business days	May require local ID validation
Canada	10 – 15 business days	Provincial variation possible
South Africa	15 – 25 business days	May require fingerprint confirmation
European & Middle-Eastern countries	15 – 25 business days	Manual or translated record checks

These are average timeframes only. Complex cases or incomplete information can extend processing beyond the estimated range.

Receiving Your International Police Check Results

When complete, your certificate is securely delivered via your **Worker Checks personal portal**. You'll receive an email notification as soon as your digital results are ready to download.

Tips to Avoid Delays

- Ensure all **identity documents** are valid and clearly scanned
- Confirm **names, dates of birth, and addresses** match across all forms
- Include **accurate overseas addresses** for the relevant period of residence
- Respond promptly to any **follow-up verification requests**

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