## **APPLICANT BACKGROUND CHECK INSTRUCTIONS**

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Thank you for your interest in applying for a position in childcare. The North Carolina Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE) requires all applicants to complete a fingerprint-based, criminal history background check. Follow the instructions in this guide so the NC DCDEE Criminal Background Check Unit can process your request.

# North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Child Development and Early Education

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#### 1. Create your NCID Login

You must obtain your username and password from the NC Identity Management system (NCID) prior to logging into the Automated Background Check Management System (ABCMS). Follow the steps below to create your NCID Login. If you need assistance with your NCID login, please visit <a href="https://it.nc.gov/support/ncid">https://it.nc.gov/support/ncid</a> or call 919-754-6000.

- a. Go to <a href="https://ncid.nc.gov">https://ncid.nc.gov</a>
- b. Click the link titled "Register!" in the bottom right corner of the login box.



c. On the New User Registration screen, click "Individual".



# **North Carolina Identity Management**



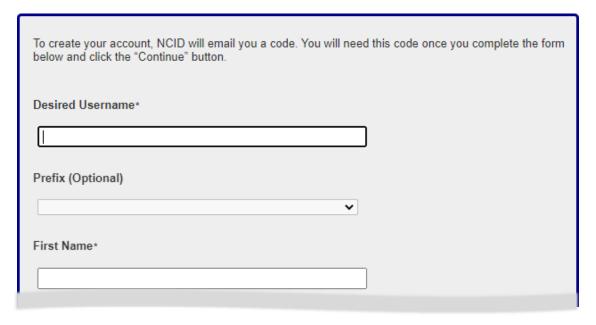
## **New User Registration**

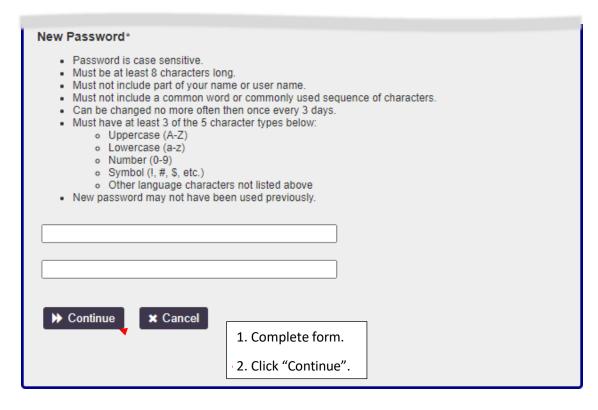
Please indicate your user type from one of the following categories:

	Individual	Request access to the State of North Carolina services as an individual or citizen.
	Business	Request access to the State of North Carolina services on the behalf of a business.
State Employee		Currently employed or assigned to work for an agency within the State of North Carolina government.
	Local Government Employee	Currently employed or assigned to work for a North Carolina county or municipality.

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d. Follow the instructions to complete the form and set up your account. Click "Continue" after completing the form. Fields with an asterisk (\*) are required.

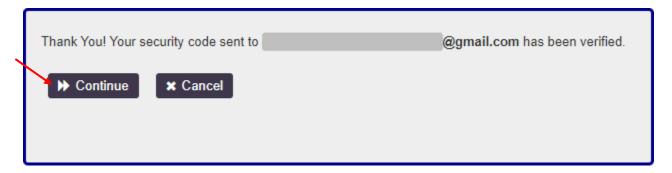




- e. Check your email for a temporary password code from "New NCID User Verification".
- f. Enter the 6-digit password code in the box and click "Check Code".

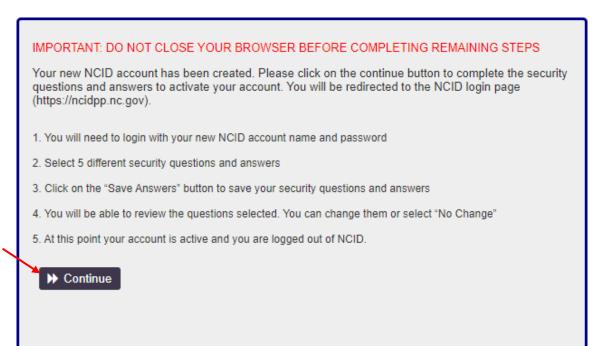


g. After receiving the message that your security code has been verified, click "Continue".



h. On the next screen, you will receive the following message (see box below):

Read the instructions and click "Continue".

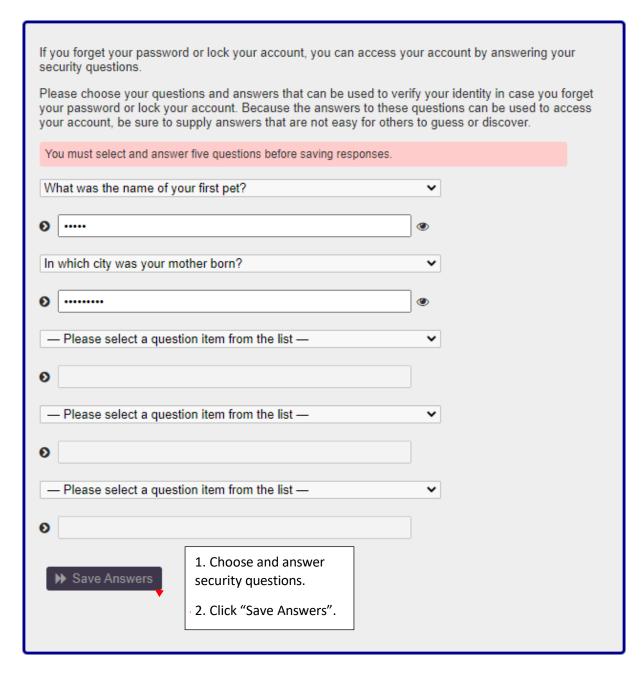


- i. You will be redirected back to the NCID login screen.
- j. Enter the new NCID Username and Password you created. Click "NCID Login".

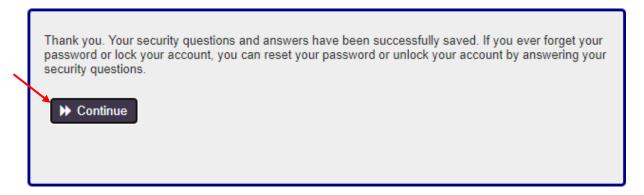


- 1. Enter the Username and Password you created.
- 2. Click "NCID Login"

- k. To complete the setup of your NCID login, select 5 security questions and enter your answers.
- I. Click "Save Answers".



m. You will receive the message: "Thank you. Your security questions and answers have been successfully saved." Click "Continue".

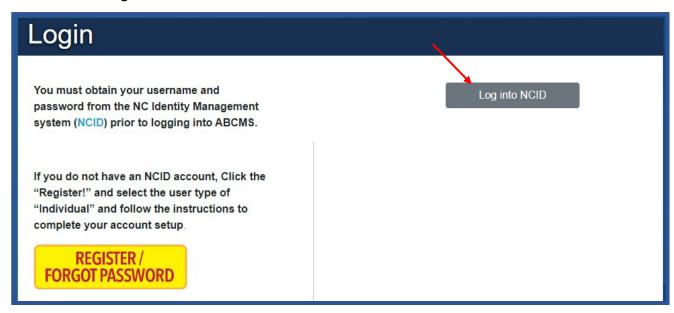


n. Your NCID login setup is complete. The next step will instruct you on how to login to ABCMS. If you were not able to complete the previous steps to create an NCID login, please visit <a href="https://it.nc.gov/support/ncid">https://it.nc.gov/support/ncid</a> or call 919-754-6000.

If you later attempt to log in to retrieve your qualification or change employers and have difficulty logging in, you can also use https://it.nc.gov/support/ncid or call <u>919-754-6000</u>.

#### 2. Login to the DCDEE ABCMS website

- a. Go to <a href="https://ncabcms.nc.gov/DCDEE/Applicant/">https://ncabcms.nc.gov/DCDEE/Applicant/</a>
- b. Click on the "Log into NCID" button.



c. Enter your NCID Username and Password. Click "NCID Login".



- 1. Enter the Username and Password you created.
- 2. Click "NCID Login"

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d. Accept the Terms and Conditions by clicking the check box and then clicking "Accept".



#### 3. Enter Applicant Information

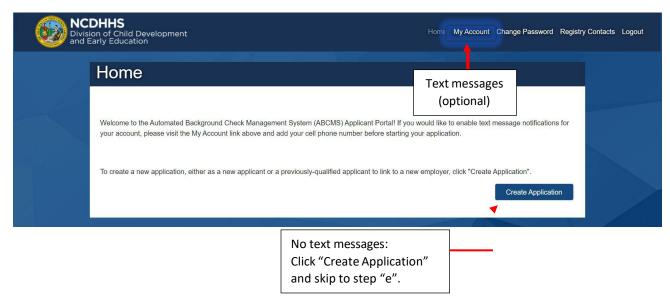
a. On the Applicant Search page, enter your social security number and date of birth. Then click "Next"



**IMPORTANT:** Your information must match the information you put into NCID earlier. You must also match any information you used on a previous background check. Any mismatch will result in error messages in the application and will delay your background check.

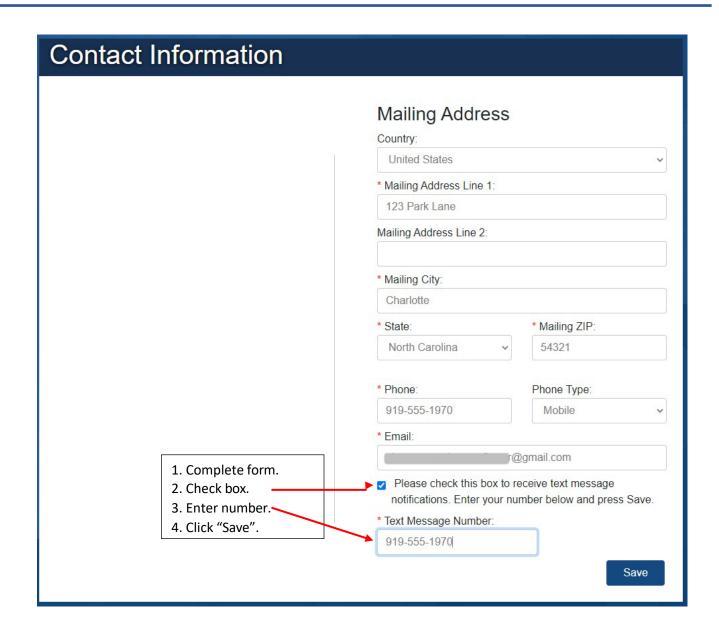
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- b. On the Home page:
  - 1. If you want to receive text messages regarding your application, click "My Account". (optional)
  - 2. If you do not want to receive text messages, click "Create Application", and skip to step "e".

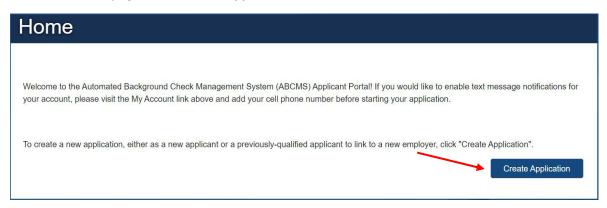


c. Complete the **Contact Information** page, click the box to receive text messages, and enter your phone number for text messaging. Click **"Save"**.

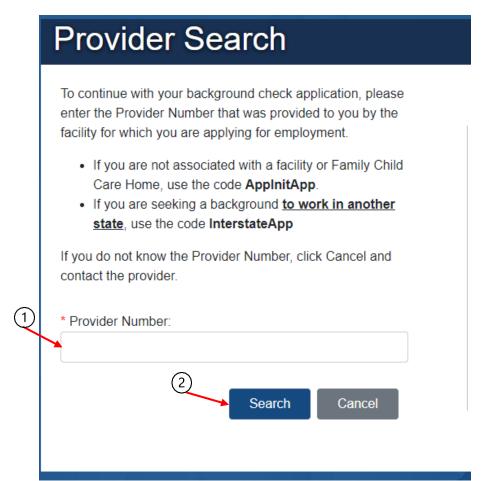
Note: To complete the option to receive text messages you must also click the box on the **Profile** page in step "g" which states, **"Please check this box to receive text message notifications."** 



d. On the Home page, click "Create Application".

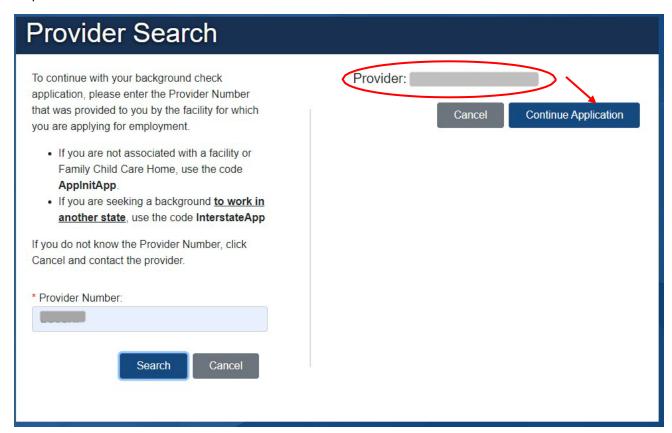


e. On the **Provider Search** page, enter the provider number according to the instructions on the screen. Then click **"Search"**.

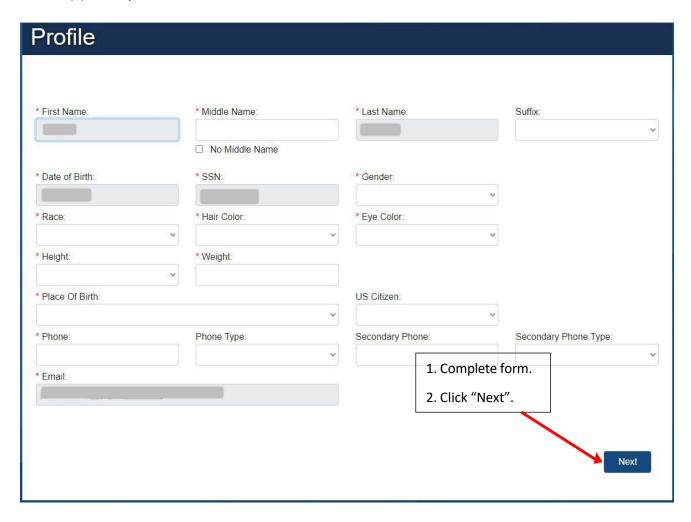


**NOTE:** The code "**InterstateApp**" is significantly different from a standard in-state background check. These are normally requested by individuals that live in other states that want to work in those states. The interstate results cannot be used in a North Carolina licensed child care facility.

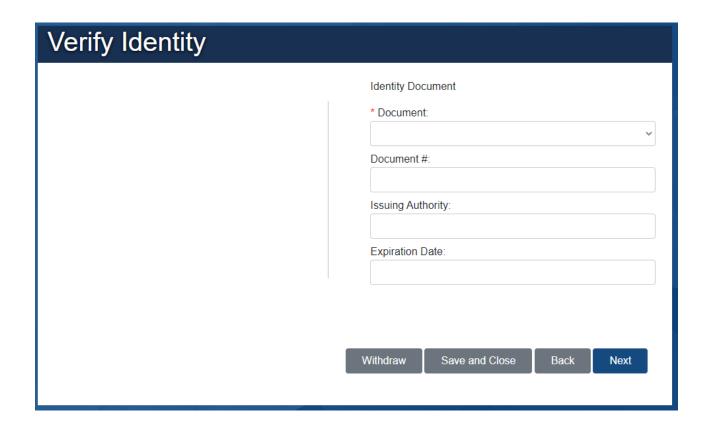
f. The Provider will appear on the right-hand side of the box. If the provider is correct, click **"Continue Application"**. If an incorrect provider is displayed, stop, and contact the provider that gave you the provider number.



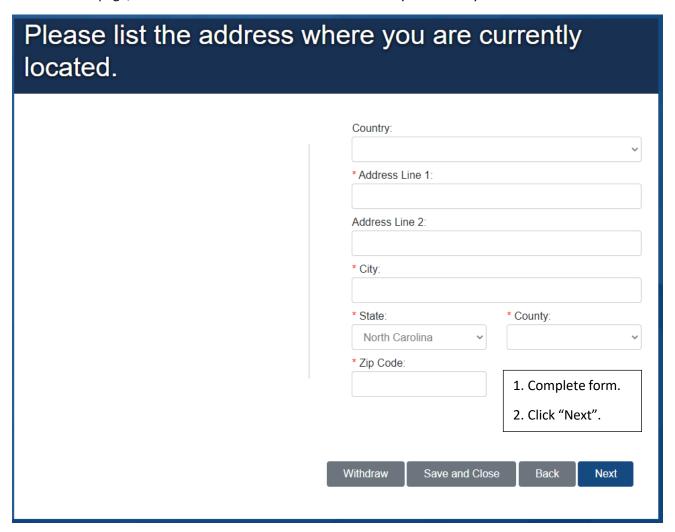
g. On the **Profile** page, enter your information in each field. This MUST be your legal name. Fields with a red asterisk (\*) are required. Then click "**Next**".



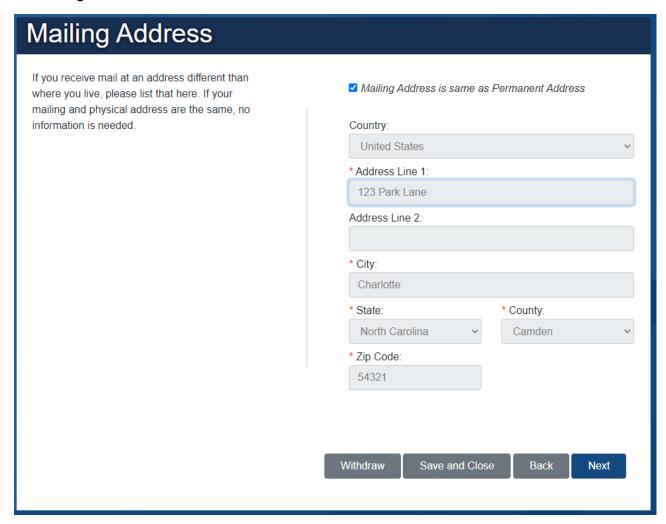
- h. On the **Verify Identity** page, choose one of the documents from the drop-down menu and enter your information. At this point, and at any time during your application, you may choose to do one of the following:
  - 1. "Withdraw" your application (All information you submitted will be deleted.)
  - 2. "Save and Close" your application (All information you entered will be saved and you can continue your application later.)
  - 3. Use the "Back" button to go back to the previous page.



i. On the next page, enter the information for the address where you currently live. Click "Next".

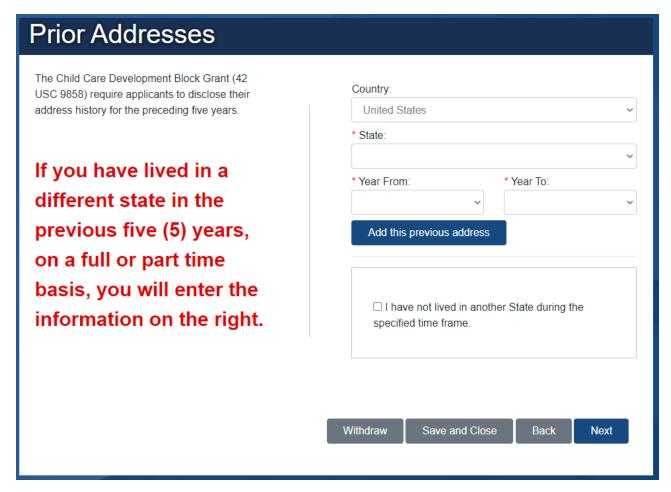


j. Mailing Address: Enter the information for your mailing address if different from your current address. If your mailing address is the same as the current address you entered, you may check the box which states "Mailing Address is same as Permanent Address." Click "Next".

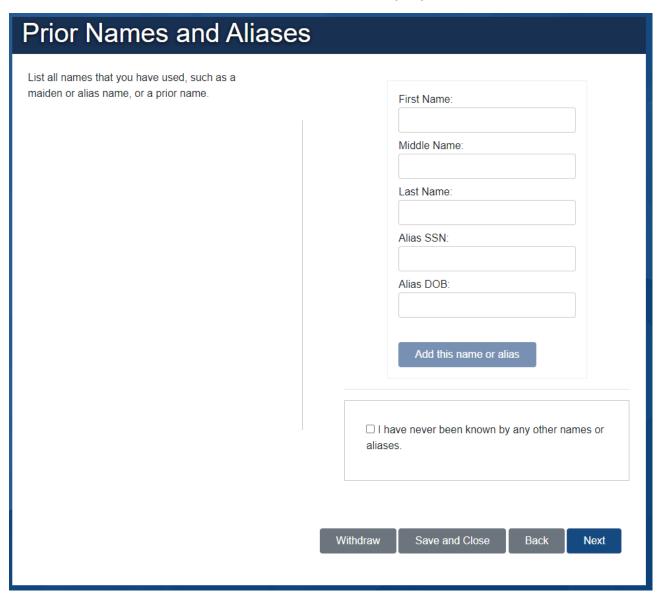


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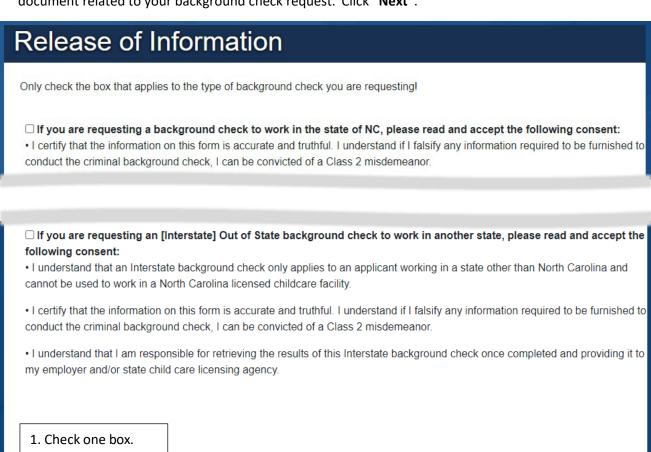
k. **Prior Addresses**: If you have lived in a different state in the previous 5 years, enter the information for your previous address. If not, click the box which states "I have not lived in another State during the specified time frame." Click "Next".



I. **Prior Names and Aliases**: Add all names that you have used in the past, such as a maiden or alias name, or a prior name. An alias name is another name you have used in your lifetime. If you have not used any other names, click the box which states "I have never been known by any other names or aliases." Click "Next".



m. **Release of Information**: Only check the box that applies to the type of background check you are requesting. Read the information in the box and check the box that applies to you. You may also upload a document related to your background check request. Click **"Next"**.



Withdraw

Save and Close

2. Click "Next".

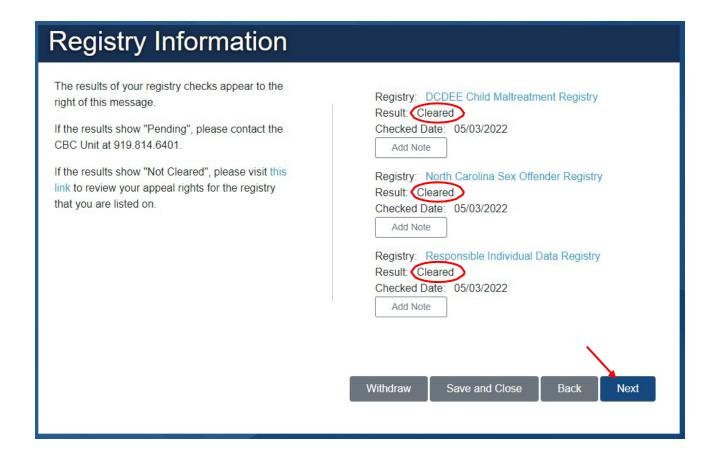
**Upload Document** 

Back

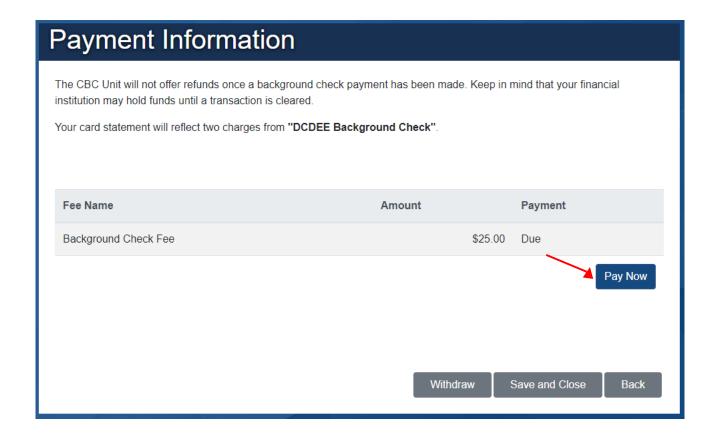
Next

n. Registry Information: If all 3 registry results state "Cleared", you may click "Next".

Note: If any of the Registry results indicate "Pending" on the Registry Information page, you will not be able to move forward to the payment screen. You will receive notification as to the reason. For additional information, you may call 919-814-6401.



o. **Payment Information**: If you are responsible for the payment, you will see the **Payment Information** screen. Click the "**Pay Now**" button to go to the payment screen. Note that interstate applicants are not charged a fee, since they are not required to submit fingerprints. Make sure you finish the payment process and return to ABCMS, or your payment will not be recorded by the application.



#### 4. Complete Payment (In-state applicants only)

a. Payment can be made using a credit/debit card. Follow the prompts on the screen and enter your credit/debit card information. You will have the opportunity to print a receipt of the payment for your records. Your bank card information is NOT stored in the system and is securely transferred for processing. Click "Next".



b. Complete the form with your Billing Address and Payment Method. Click the box which states "I'm not a robot". Then click "Next".

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Billing Address						
Use Business Name						
*First Name:						
M.I.:						
*Last Name:						
Street Line 1:						
Street Line 2:	Street Line 2:					
City:	City:					
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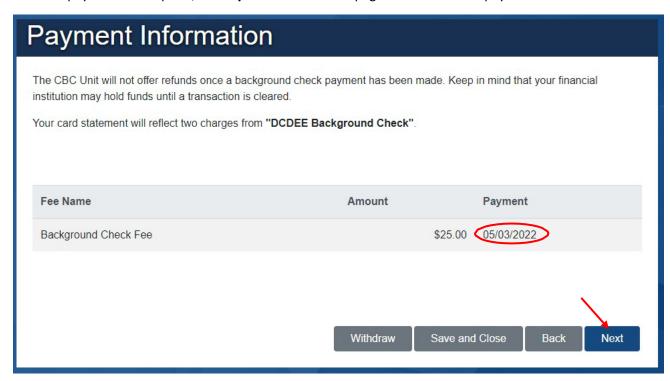
c. Confirm **Address**, **Payment Method**, and **Payment Amount**. If any information is incorrect, click "**Back**". If all information is correct, click "**Pay Now**".



d. The confirmation screen will be displayed. You may print a receipt for your records. Click **"Exit"**. If you do not click **"Exit"**, your payment will not be recorded by ABCMS.

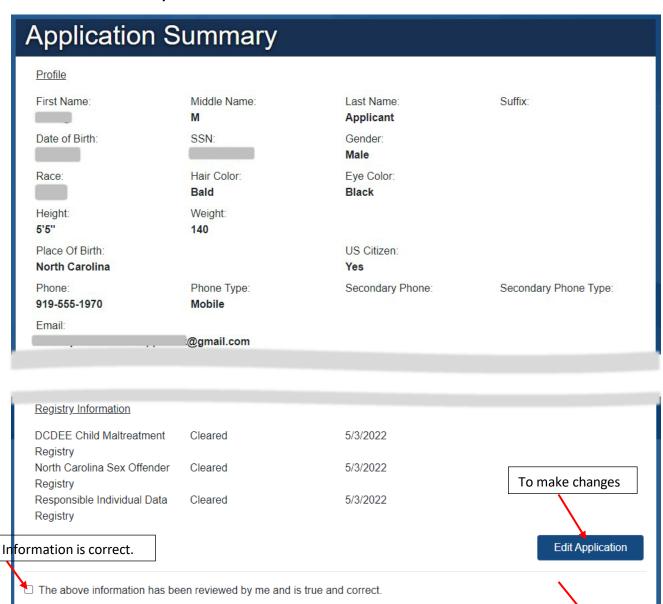


e. After payment is complete, the Payment Information page will now show a payment date. Click "Next".



#### 5. Review and Complete Application

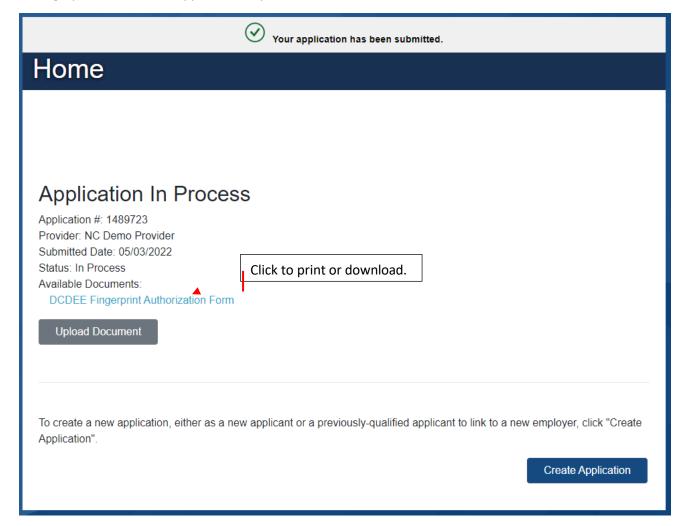
a. **Application Summary**: Verify your application information. If changes are needed, click the **"Edit Application"** button. When all information is correct, click the box which states **"The above information has been reviewed by me and is true and correct."** Then click **"Finish"**.



Withdraw

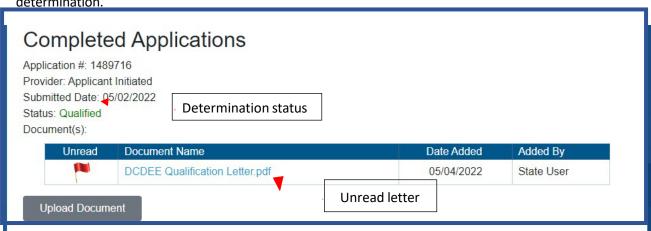
Save and Close

b. You will be directed to the Home page. Your application has been submitted. Click "DCDEE Fingerprint Authorization Form" to print or download the fingerprint form. You will take this form with you to be fingerprinted. (In-state applicants only)



#### 6. Next Steps

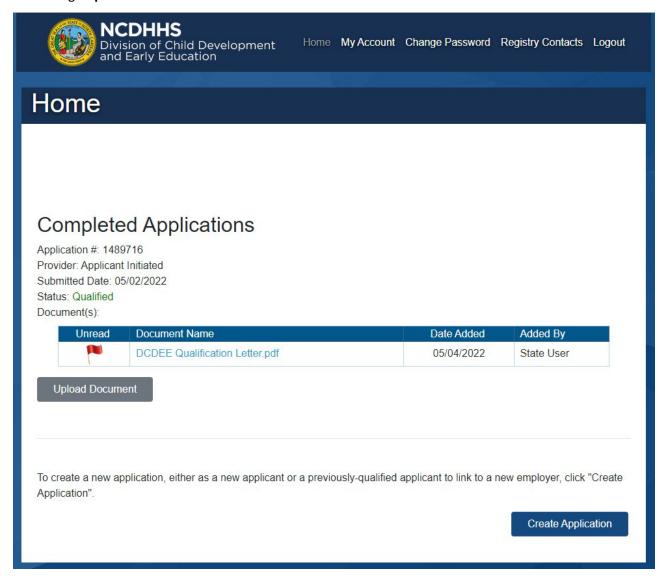
- a. Make an appointment to be fingerprinted. (In state applicants only) Please visit for a location nearest you: <a href="https://www.nbinformation.com/locations/lawEnforcement/byCounty/NC.php">https://www.nbinformation.com/locations/lawEnforcement/byCounty/NC.php</a>. Your application will not proceed without fingerprints.
- b. Go to your appointment to be fingerprinted. Take your **DCDEE Fingerprint Authorization Form** and your identification with you.
- c. A State and FBI criminal background check will occur using your fingerprints.
- d. If you receive an email asking for additional information, you should respond quickly.
- e. When DCDEE receives your fingerprint report, your eligibility will be determined.
- f. Once results are back and eligibility determination has been completed, the status will show on your ABCMS Home Page with any available letters. You will receive a notification that your status has changed.
- g. Go to <a href="https://ncabcms.nc.gov/dcdee/applicant">https://ncabcms.nc.gov/dcdee/applicant</a> and use your NCID login to check the status of your determination.



- g. If you see **Pending** or **Disqualified** as the status, or you have questions about your eligibility, please contact 919-814-6401.
- h. For more information, please visit <a href="https://ncchildcare.ncdhhs.gov/home/dcdee-sections/criminal-background-check-unit/basic-information">https://ncchildcare.ncdhhs.gov/home/dcdee-sections/criminal-background-check-unit/basic-information</a>

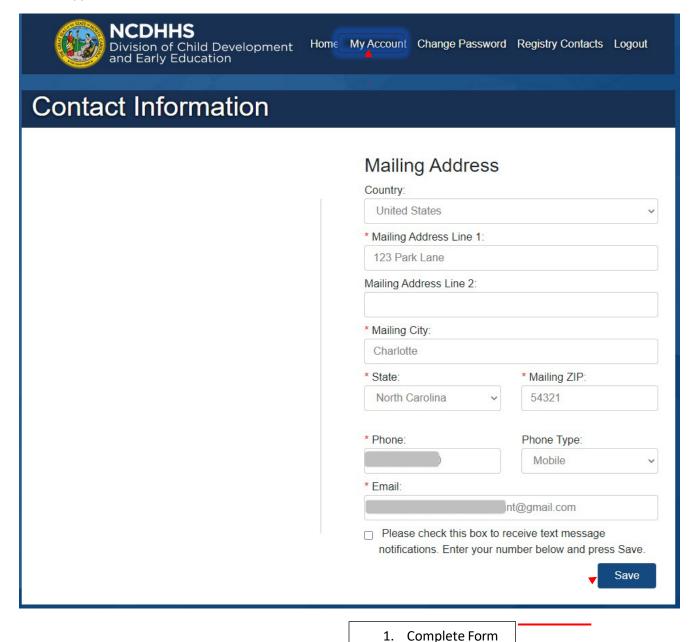
#### 7. Navigating the ABCMS System

- a. To check the status of your application, you may login to the ABCMS system. Go to <a href="https://ncabcms.nc.gov/dcdee/applicant">https://ncabcms.nc.gov/dcdee/applicant</a> and login using your NCID username and password.
- If you see **Pending** or **Disqualified** as the status, or you have questions about your eligibility, please contact
   919-814-6401.
- c. If you need to attach a document related to your application, such as an affidavit, you may do so by clicking "Upload Document".



d. You may change your contact information by clicking "My Account". Enter the new contact information and then click "Save".

Note: If you would like to enable text messaging for any future applications, you may click the box to receive text message notifications. The text message option will only apply to future applications.



2. Click Save

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e. You may find the contact information for the registries that are searched during your background check by clicking "Registry Contacts". Check the box next to the state or states you want to look up, then click the "Show Selected" button below.



f. To logout of ABCMS, click "Logout".

#### 8. Frequently Asked Questions

I log in and see "no authorized applications" or a similar message. What do I do?

You are logged into NCID and not ABCMS. Make sure to log in at https://ncabcms.nc.gov/DCDEE/Applicant/

I see the message "Duplicate SSN".

Duplicate SSN means that the system sees a different person entering information under an already-existing SSN. This most often occurs when you have supplied incorrect information to either NCID or the ABCMS application. First, make sure that your legal name is reflected on your NCID profile. You can check that at ncid.nc.gov or by calling 919.754.6000. After that, upload a copy of your identification to <a href="mailto:DHHS.CBC.Unit@dhhs.nc.gov">DHHS.CBC.Unit@dhhs.nc.gov</a> with your full name and background check number, if available.

Why is my background check taking so long?

In most cases, DCDEE processes an individual's background check the same day they are eligible. DCDEE does not process your fingerprints. That is done by our partners at the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation. You can find additional information about their process and timeline at their website.

Can I complete the application for someone else?

In short, no. ABCMS is designed for an individual to complete their own background check. There will be features for directors and owners to see the status of their employees, but they will have no access to enter an application. We strongly urge individuals to input their own information. We see instances daily where incorrect information is entered into ABCMS, causing significant delays in processing.

I recently changed my name. What name should I use?

Applicants should only use their legal name. This should be reflected on all their legal documents, including Social Security cards and Driver License or state-issued Identification. Applicants who obtain background checks in any other name will have to complete a new background check, including new fingerprints.

When I log in, I see the message "Unauthorized".

First, make sure you are attempting to log in to <a href="https://ncabcms.nc.gov/DCDEE/Applicant/">https://ncabcms.nc.gov/DCDEE/Applicant/</a>. If you are, make sure you are using an "Individual" NCID. If your NCID was created by anyone else (for example, your Human Resources office), you do not have an individual NCID account.