To be eligible to attend placement, you must obtain a National Police Check from the Australian Federal Police.

What is a National Police Check?
A National Police Check is a check that will disclose any criminal offences.

How do I obtain a National Police Check?

When completing your application, in the section 2.3 Purpose of Check, select the following:
- **Purpose Type:** Commonwealth Employment/Purpose
- **Purpose of Check:** 37 - Care of children/intellectually disabled/Aged Care staff/volunteers as shown:

![Purpose of Check screenshot](https://www2.gov.au/contentdm/2014-07-03-101755/AFPWebsite.html)

How long will the process take?
Police Check applications can take up to 6 weeks to be processed. Please consider this in relation to your placement dates.

How much will it cost?
The cost is approximately $42.00, however please confirm this on the AFP website.

How long is the certificate valid for?
Your certificate will remain current for three years and will need to be renewed prior to expiry.

I have found a website that offers Criminal History Checks instantly, is this acceptable?
No. The only Police Check that is acceptable is one issued by the Australian Federal Police.

- **International students:** the above information applies when you arrive in Australia – your National Police Certificate must be applied for when you have a place of residency in Australia
- You MUST apply through the [Australian Federal Police website](https://www2.gov.au/contentdm/2014-07-03-101755/AFPWebsite.html)