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](image)

**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 $50.00, 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 online, 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 online through the [Australian Federal Police website](https://www3.gov.au/content/dam/australian-federal-police/website/docs/index.html).

*If you have any further questions; contact the Nursing & Midwifery Placements Office*

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