

Subject: NSOPW Check Temporary Exemption Expiring March 1, 2018

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National Service Criminal History Check

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Dear Grantees,

The Puerto Rico sex offender registry is no longer impacted by the aftermath of Hurricane Maria and is consistently reporting to NSOPW.gov. The temporary exemption granted by CNCS considers any NSOPW check that is conducted from September 19, 2017 through March 1, 2018 to be compliant, without Puerto Rico results, as long as all other aspects of the NSCHC have been timely, comprehensive, and documented. **This exemption will expire on March 1, 2018.** With the exemption expiring, **any NSOPW results missing PR must be re-conducted and documented to complete the search by March 15, 2018.**

What does this mean for grantees?

- **Potential Action Required by March 15, 2018:** Per CNCS's most recently issued [guidance](#), grantees must re-conduct the check of the NSOPW for any individuals in covered positions whose NSOPW search did not return results that included Puerto Rico.
- If you do not conduct the check again or retain the result of Puerto Rico's check, the NSOPW check will be noncompliant on and after March 15, 2018.
- Grantees must retain both the on-time, incomplete NSOPW and the supplemental NSOPW results.
- CNCS is aware that Puerto Rico's sex offender registry was active intermittently during the months of the exemption. If you were able to obtain search results that included results from Puerto Rico during the exemption period, no further action is required.

All other eligibility requirements according to the NSCHC regulations will apply and disallowance will be enforced in accordance with CNCS policy.

Previous messages on this exemption period and other messages related to National Service Criminal History Check can be found on our [Knowledge Network page](#).

If you have questions, please contact your Program Officer or Grants Officer.

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