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New NSCHC Rule: Effective in 21 days

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New National Service Criminal History Check Rule Effective May 1, 2021

On February 24, 2021, AmeriCorps announced that it published the national service criminal history check in the Federal Register. This rule was proposed and posted on January 8, 2020, and open for public comment from January 8, 2020, to March 9, 2020. AmeriCorps gave full consideration to the public comments provided, including public comments related to the mandatory use of the agency-approved vendors.

The new rule is effective May 1, 2021, and applies to individuals covered by the rule who begin work or service on or after this date and who are required to complete the national service criminal history checks.

Individuals covered by the rule who start work or service prior to May 1, 2021, and who will remain in work or service after November 1, 2021, must complete a national service criminal history check that complies with the final rule by November 1, 2021.

[Read the Final Rule](#)

AmeriCorps offered training the week of March 8-12, 2021. Recordings are available on the National Service Criminal History Check Knowledge Network [page](#). AmeriCorps will be offering Q&A sessions to answer any additional questions on the new requirements. Sign up now.

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Grant recipients can access recorded trainings, review summary information, and FAQs regarding the on the May 1 Rule online.

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