# Authorisation for Fingerprints to be Taken and Tested

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| The New Zealand Police implement a rigorous recruiting process to ensure that sworn employees have the necessary physical, psychological, intellectual and moral characteristics to be police officers. This screening and assessment process requires your full and honest participation.  One part of the recruiting process is the taking and testing of fingerprints of all applicants. This is to double check that the Police database has no record of any applicants being involved in any actual or alleged offending, and to make sure that no police applicants have been convicted of an offence (perhaps even under a different name) that has not been disclosed to Police as part of the recruitment process.  You are advised that if you decide not to allow your fingerprints to be taken as part of the recruiting process, your application to join the police will proceed no further. If you authorise your fingerprints to be taken they will be processed through the police database to see if there are any matches against your fingerprints. You will be advised of the outcome of this testing as your application proceeds. If there is a match against your fingerprints the matter will be investigated further as appropriate.  Should you discontinue in the recruiting process your fingerprints will be destroyed.  Should you be accepted as a member of the NZ Police your fingerprints will remain on the national database for the duration of your employment to allow for elimination purposes from any crime scene you may attend as a result of your employment with the NZ Police.  If you have any further questions about this process, please contact your Recruitment Selection Specialist. If you wish to proceed and authorise your fingerprints to be taken and processed, please complete the form below. | | | | | | |
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| PERSONAL DETAILS | | | | | | |
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| Family name | | |  | First name(s) | | |
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| Address | | |  | Home phone | | |
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| I am applying to become a sworn member of police.  I understand that one mandatory requirement of the recruitment process is that I complete this authorisation form allowing police to take my fingerprints and to test my fingerprints against the fingerprints held in the police database.  I have been advised that applicant’s fingerprints are tested to ensure that no applicants wishing to join the police have been involved in any actual or alleged offending and also to ensure that no applicants have been convicted of any offence that has not already been disclosed to police.  I understand that, if when my fingerprints are tested there is a match with fingerprints held in the system, my application to join the police will be suspended while police investigate the matter further to determine whether any further action may need to be taken.  By signing this form, I acknowledge that I have been given sufficient time and information to freely give my consent for both my fingerprints to be taken and if I am employed by the NZ Police to be stored for elimination purposes.  I authorise my fingerprints to be taken by police and to be processed through police databases, in the manner described above, for the purpose of my application to become a sworn member of the New Zealand Police. | | | | | | |
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| Applicant’s name |  | Applicant’s signature | | |  | Date |
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| Witness’ name |  | Witness’ signature | | |  | Date |
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