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Criminal Record Checks – online CRC now accepted

The RCMP is reporting very high numbers of criminal record check (CRC) requests from schools. As a result, it will take a few weeks for volunteers to receive their CRC. The RCMP is recommending parents use an online CRC provider if they need the CRC quickly.

Since the RCMP recommends using online providers, the Division's policy has been updated to allow volunteers to obtain their CRC from two recommended online providers:

- Verifications Canada [VerificationsCanada](https://www.verificationscanada.com/)
- MyCRC [Canada's #1 Criminal Record Checks | Get Your Report in Minutes \(mycrc.ca\)](https://www.mycrc.ca/)

Note: these online providers have a cost for providing a CRC, which is the responsibility of the volunteer.

This change is reflected in the Division's Admin Procedure [434 Volunteers.pdf \(spiritsd.ca\)](#).

These online CRC providers cannot provide a Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC). A Vulnerable Sector Check can only be provided by RCMP or local police services for the **following criteria**:

- volunteer coach
- volunteers supervising students on overnight excursions
- volunteer driver with students

In order to qualify for a VSC, the school must provide a letter detailing the full scope of the responsibilities of the volunteer position and demonstrate how a volunteer's duties meet the criteria for a VSC.