

Executive Directors Message

We were very excited to finally begin making our secure web pages available to issuing bodies in June and I thank all those issuing bodies who have provided such positive and constructive feedback on the new process. The comments indicate that you are finding the web pages easy to use and they are allowing you to achieve efficiencies and streamline processes.

We have also received some suggestions for changes that would further improve the web pages and we are working through those with a view to incorporating as many of the suggestions as possible. It can be a difficult process as some suggestions would suit the needs of some clients, but would create problems for others.

Training is now substantially complete and all issuing bodies with significant transaction volumes are now operating via the web pages. As soon as an issuing body is trained on the web pages, the email lodgement service is no longer available. The time has now come to set a date for the termination of the email lodgement service, namely 31 July 2008. No further email lodgements will be accepted after that date. Of course, we will remain available to train any issuing body who has not already been trained on how to lodge an application and otherwise use the web pages.

After completing training, issuing bodies will be responsible for updating their own card details and uploading photos. AusCheck will no longer complete card status changes or photo uploads. Also, after 31 July, issuing bodies will no longer receive their weekly status report each Friday. Issuing bodies may now view this report online at their convenience.

We did have some service disruptions over the period as a result of the installation of the new web pages and continue to have issues in the 'bedding down' process. These difficulties have not had a significant impact on our service standards as they have been balanced against our first 'same day' turnaround checks made possible by the new instantaneous link to CrimTrac.



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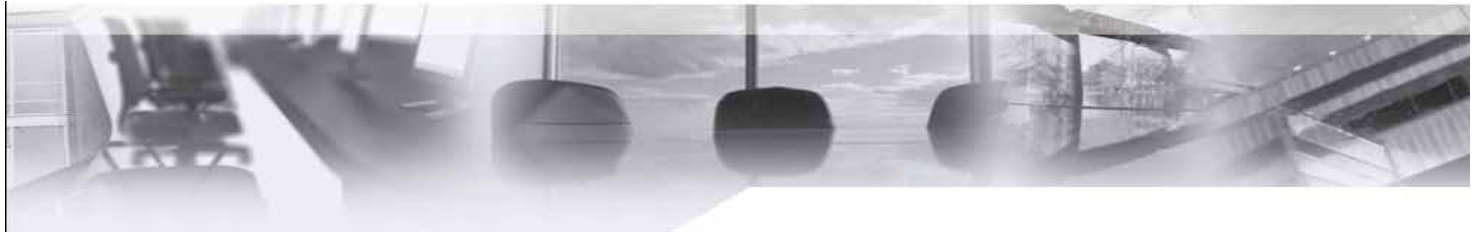
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AusCheck Marks First Year With 100 000 checks

AusCheck has successfully processed more than 100 000 background checks since our commencement of operations on 3 September 2007. Since inception AusCheck has strived to implement fast, fair and reliable processes as well as provide a nationally-uniformed approach to background checking for the aviation and maritime security identification card schemes.

Due to AusCheck's role as a central agency dedicated to background checking, the efficiency and consistency of background checks has improved significantly. AusCheck are consistently returning over 98% of all applications received in less than 20 days with 65% of all applications returned to individuals in less than 5 days.



Minutes with Finance

AusCheck Checking Fees 2008 – 2010

The new AusCheck fee structure has taken effect and will remain in place until 30th June 2010
The tables below reflect the new fee structure:

ASIC Type	2008 - 2010
Background check – new application without DIAC check	\$88.00
Background check – new application with DIAC check	\$92.00
Background check – renewal application without DIAC check	\$79.00
Background check – renewal application with DIAC check	\$83.00

MSIC Type	2008 - 2010
Background check – new application without DIAC check	\$91.50
Background check – new application with DIAC check	\$95.50
Background check – renewal application without DIAC check	\$82.00
Background check – renewal application with DIAC check	\$86.00

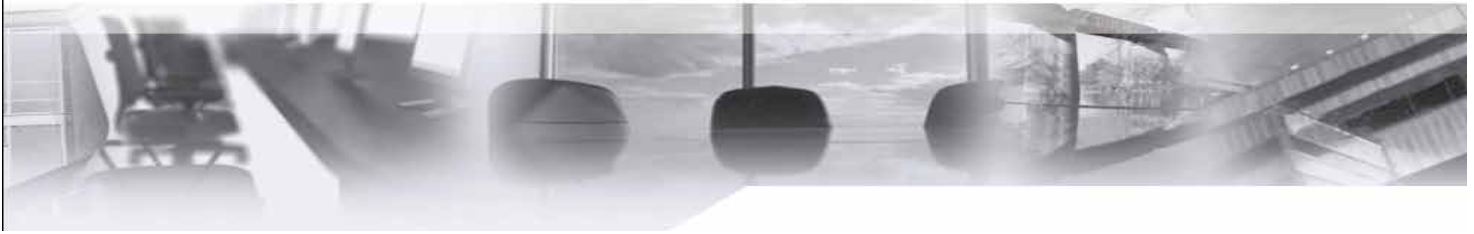


Photo Exemptions About to Expire

Under the *AusCheck Regulations 2007*, AusCheck is required to maintain in our database a photograph of all ASIC and MSIC cardholders. Security personnel in airports and maritime ports are able to access information from the AusCheck database to assist in verifying the identity and details of ASIC/MSIC holders. The availability of photographs on the AusCheck database significantly improves this process with consequent benefits for security in those facilities.

Issuing bodies are required to supply AusCheck with a photograph of every person issued with an ASIC or MSIC.

Photographs *may* be provided at the application stage, but are not required by law until the applicant has actually been issued with an ASIC/ MSIC.

Issuing bodies must upload photos of everyone issued with an ASIC/MSIC onto the AusCheck system. This should be done as soon as possible after an ASIC/MSIC is issued.

AusCheck recommends the following file specifications:

- Dimensions 480x600,
- Formats JPG, GIF, BMP, PNG or TIF; and
- File size between 5-100kb.

The maximum file size is 1MB. Images over 1MB will be rejected by the system.

A number of exemptions to the requirement to supply a photo were granted by AusCheck in 2007 in order to allow issuing bodies time to make the necessary arrangements for photo capture and upload. The exemptions expire 12 months from the date they were received.

In most cases, the photo exemptions will expire in **September 2008**.

Issuing bodies may apply for a further exemption from the requirement to provide photos if this is still required.

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