

# How Long Does A Background Check Take?

We complete most reports in 1-3 business days, but turnaround times vary based on which components are included.



## Categories Of Background Checks

Backgrounds Online offers a wide variety of screening products. We review each background check order to see what is included so we can proceed efficiently and keep you informed about the status. To help accomplish this, our team designates products into six categories:



**Standard Searches.** These are the most common and critical components such as Criminal Searches, Motor Vehicle Records, Sex Offender Searches, Terrorist Watch List Searches and Social Security Number Traces. We have a streamlined process that empowers us to close these reports within 1 – 3 business days.



**Verification Searches.** Our team verifies employment, education, licenses and credentials. We also conduct personal and professional references. Turnaround times vary based on the responsiveness and availability of the individuals we contact for information.



**Position Focused Searches.** These help you confirm an applicant's eligibility for specific positions. For example, if you're hiring in the medical industry, you may need a FACIS® search. If an employee will have access to financial data or large sums of money, you might order a credit report. Turnaround times differ for these services but we can provide an estimate based on what is in your screening package.



**Drug Screening Services.** We offer 5, 10 or 14 panel drug screenings and have facilities throughout the country to make it convenient for your applicants and employees. In most cases, results are returned within 3-4 business days.



**International Services.** This category consists of criminal, identity and other searches conducted outside of the United States. Every country has their own laws, mandates and pace. Some require specific forms and can take multiple days to return results. If your background check package has international components, our team can help you understand about how long they will take to complete.



**Alias Services.** Some people have records under more than one name. This can be due to an official name change, nicknames or improperly filled-out documents. These generally take as long as the corresponding searches.

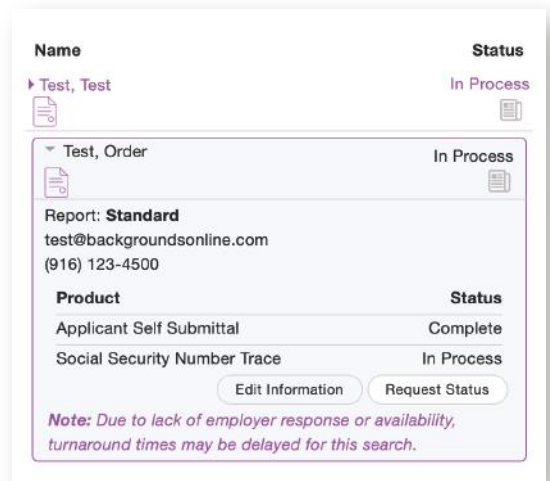
## What Causes Delays?

We work hard to compile background checks in a timely manner. Sometimes there are issues beyond our control, such as:

- Courts that require clerk-assisted searches.
- Businesses or educational facilities being closed.
- A personal or professional reference who is not available.
- Convictions that must be confirmed and reviewed.

## When Will Your Report Be Ready?

You can use this Newsletter to get a general idea of how long a background check will take. If an order will be delayed, we proactively inform you via notes in your [Report Manager](#). To find them, check for purple text. When you see it, click the arrow to learn more.



Name	Status
Test, Test	In Process
Test, Order	In Process
Report: <b>Standard</b> test@backgroundsonline.com (916) 123-4500	
Product	Status
Applicant Self Submittal	Complete
Social Security Number Trace	In Process
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<b>Note:</b> Due to lack of employer response or availability, turnaround times may be delayed for this search.	

## Have Questions?

Backgrounds Online is committed to providing comprehensive employment screening services that help you build strong teams and create safe workplaces. If you have questions about background check categories, what components to include, turnaround times or anything else, please contact us for fast, friendly service.