

Credit Checks for

• EMPLOYERS •



of employers use credit checks

SOURCE: CareerBuilder use criminal background checks

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- Check for financial responsibility
- ✓ **Restricted** in some states
- ✓ Standard for jobs in finance
- ✓ Required if employee controls \$10,000+

Which States Restrict Employer Credit Checks?

CALIFORNIA

EXCEPTIONS FOR:

- Managers
- Law enforcement
- Sensitive personal info access
- Confidential info access

COLORADO

EXCEPTIONS FOR:

- Managers
- Financial firms

HAWAII

EXCEPTIONS FOR:

- Managers
- Financial firms

CONNECTICUT

EXCEPTIONS FOR:

- Access to company funds
- Confidential info access
- Financial firms

MARYLAND

EXCEPTIONS FOR:

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- Confidential info access
- Sensitive personal info access
- Financial firms

ILLINOIS

EXCEPTIONS FOR:

- Managers
- Confidential info access

OREGON

EXCEPTIONS FOR:

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- Financial firms

NEVADA

NO EXCEPTIONS

WASHINGTON

NO EXCEPTIONS

VERMONT

EXCEPTIONS FOR:

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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What Does the Federal Government Say?

THERE ARE NO FEDERAL LAWS AGAINST CREDIT CHECKS.

✓ Legislation pending (Jan 2020) to ban credit checks not required by law or national security



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- Credit checks disparately impact minorities
- ✓ Must be relevant to position

FCRA

Applies to all employee background checking

What Is the Debate Over Credit Checks?

For

Peace of mind

Protect company/client fund

Prevent embezzlement

Protect sensitive data

Due diligence

Against

Private information

Personal finances don't predict job competency

Credit issues are common

41% of households have credit card debt

\$1.64 trillion

U.S. student loan debt

69%

of 2019 graduating class

Relevant?

Legally Permitted?

Legally Required?

Get help using credit checks responsibly.

Start at www.backgroundchecks.com