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**TO:** CTE Administrators

**FROM:** Lolita B. Hall, Director  
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**SUBJECT:** Virginia Board of Nursing New Criminal Background Check Requirements Update

The Virginia Board of Nursing (VBON) has released additional information in follow-up to [Superintendent's Memo #242-15](#) regarding the *Virginia Board of Nursing Criminal Background Check Requirements*. Effective **January 1, 2016**, all individuals seeking initial Registered Nurse and Licensed Practical Nurse licensure are required to submit a complete fingerprint-based criminal background check (CBC) to be processed at both state and federal levels ([Virginia Code § 54.1 – 3005.1](#)).

[Attachment A](#) provides a list of “frequently asked questions and answers” related to CBCs. [Attachment B](#) provides a PowerPoint presentation with more details about the CBC requirements for licensure. Please inform all nursing education instructors and students of this requirement.

If you have questions regarding the CBC regulations, please contact Dr. Paula Saxby, Deputy Executive Director for the Virginia Board of Nursing, at [paula.saxby@dhp.virginia.gov](mailto:paula.saxby@dhp.virginia.gov) or 804-367-4597.

If you have any questions regarding high school nursing education programs, please contact Michele R. Green-Wright, specialist for health and medical sciences and related clusters, Office of Career and Technical Education, at [CTE@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:CTE@doe.virginia.gov) or by telephone at (804) 225-3119.

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Attachments