

[Georgia Applicant Processing System \(GAPS\)](#)

All persons applying with the Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) to become certified in any of the regulated program areas listed below must utilize the [Georgia Applicant Processing System \(GAPS\)](#) to satisfy the statutorily required national and state fingerprint-based criminal history check. ***Fingerprint results obtained from any source other than the approved GAPS process will not be accepted.***

*Driver Training School Owners/Directors/Instructors
Driver Improvement School Owners/Instructors
DUI/Risk Reduction School Owners/Directors/Instructors
Third Party Testers/Examiners
Ignition Interlock Provider Center Owners
Limousine Chauffeur Endorsement
Commercial Vehicle Driver Training School Owner/Instructor/Tester/Examiner
Motorcycle Safety Coach*

NOTE: If you have been fingerprinted through GAPS for any DDS regulated program within the past 6 months, your fingerprint results may be used for any additional application(s) submitted for DDS regulated programs during the following 6 month period. Please indicate on your application the date you were previously fingerprinted.

GAPS consists of numerous locations throughout the State of Georgia that have been authorized by the NCIC, the GCIC and Cogent Systems to use LiveScan devices to electronically capture and transmit fingerprints to the GCIC through a secure web-based environment. Criminal history search results, in most cases, will return within 24 to 48 hours following submission of fingerprints, decreasing the overall amount of time it takes for DDS to process your application for certification.

Out of state applicants may choose to submit fingerprint cards for an additional charge of \$8. Registration is still required through the GAPS website. Please review the "How to Submit Ink Cards" section on the GAPS Home page for detailed instructions.

Additional information regarding GAPS processes, policies, fees, and print locations may be found at www.ga.cogentid.com.

IMPORTANT: By the time you submit your application you should already have your fingerprints done through GAPS. You will not receive notification from DDS to proceed with your fingerprinting.

[FINGERPRINT INSTRUCTIONS](#)

Step 1: Select the GAPS location of your choice.

- Go to the following website: <http://www.ga.cogentid.com/index.htm>
- Click on the "Find A Fingerprint Location" option.
- All authorized GAPS locations are depicted on an interactive map of Georgia. You may mouse over and click on any of the locations depicted on the map to obtain more detailed information about individual GAPS sites, including the name of the participating business, address, and telephone number. You may also use the Google Map feature which will show sites located near your current location and provide directions.

Step 2: Register.

- From the GAPS Home page, click on the “Applicant Registration” option. This will take you to a page with a listing of multiple agencies.
- Click on the “Department of Driver Services (DDS)” button. You will be taken to the DDS landing page with our contact information. Click on the “Register to be Fingerprinted” button.
- Read the Privacy Rights and click the box to accept the terms. Click “Continue”.
- Select your Reason Code from the dropdown box (CDL and Motorcycle Safety Coaches should use the DT reason codes). Complete the web form with your personal data and payment information. Payment is by money order or credit card. Mandatory fields are highlighted in yellow.
- Please be advised that although the use of your Social Security Number is optional, if you do not submit your SSN, the GAPS location will not be able to confirm your registration if you forget to bring your confirmation receipt. In addition, you will not be able to print a replacement receipt. Therefore, you are strongly encouraged to use your Social Security Number.
- Money orders must be made payable to “Cogent Systems” and should be taken to the GAPS location.
- Fees for all the DDS regulated programs are \$51.00. A link for the fees can be found under the “Fees” section on the GAPS website below:
<http://www.ga.cogentid.com/index.htm>
- *Cash and checks are not accepted.*
- Once all information has been entered, click “Continue”. Review your information and if everything is okay, click “Submit”.

Step 3: Print your Receipt.

- A screen appears prompting you to either print your registration receipt or email it.
- If you lose your registration receipt, you can obtain a replacement under the “Reprint Registration Receipt” section located on the GAPS Home page.

Step 4: Go to the GAPS location as scheduled to be fingerprinted.

- On the date of your fingerprinting, be sure to call ahead to the GAPS location you plan to visit to confirm their business hours, the hours they do fingerprinting, and that a trained individual is going to be available.
- Be sure to review the FAQ section on the GAPS Home page for information regarding what forms of identity are required when you are fingerprinted.