


BACKGROUND CHECK CONSENT FORM

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Please refrain from using handwritten entries and physically printing this document, as information may be cut off.

Title (Mr, Ms, Justice, Honourable, etc.)	Surname	Full given names (no initials; <u>underline</u> name normally used)	
Surname at birth	All other names used	Date of birth (yyyy/mm/dd)	Gender
Current citizenship(s)	Place of birth (city, province/territory, and country)		Current Marital Status
Name change (other than by marriage) 	Date and Place of change (city, province/territory, and country)		Method (authority)
Current residential address (apt – street #, street name, city, province/territory, and country)			Social Insurance Number (SIN)
Military service Yes No I have served in the Canadian Armed Forces: Regular or Reserves (age 16 or older)		All telephone numbers used (home, cellphone, work, etc.)	
Service Number:		All email addresses used (personal, work, etc.)	

Applicant's Declaration of Consent

Section 1

I understand that personal background checks are required by the Department of Justice Canada to determine my suitability for public office, as I am being considered for a judicial appointment.

These background checks, which will be conveyed to the Minister's Office, will include the following elements:

1. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) will conduct a review of police records, including inquiries with provincial and, where applicable, municipal police forces. Digital fingerprints may be required. The term "police records" encompasses information related to criminal charges and/or convictions, details of an offence, or intelligence regarding a candidate's involvement or suspected involvement in criminal activity;
2. The Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) will conduct a security screening based on basic biographical information, in accordance with sections 13 and 15 of the *CSIS Act* (CSIS Indices Check);
3. A check with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) will determine if there are any tax compliance issues related to me or any entity in which I hold a controlling interest or have registered for GST/HST purposes, in accordance with any Act administered, in whole or in part, by the CRA. The CRA will then report its findings to the Department of Justice Canada;
4. The Department of Justice Canada will conduct a financial inquiry with the Credit Bureau through Equifax;
5. A check with the Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy (OSB), Industry Canada, will be conducted to assess publicly available information and determine whether my name appears in its bankruptcy and insolvency databases, and if so, whether the bankruptcy has been discharged.

Section 2

I consent to the use and disclosure of the personal information that has been collected in this form, and any additional information that may be collected during the judicial verification process, for the purpose of determining candidate suitability for judicial positions subject to the *Judges Act*.

In order to enable an assessment of my trustworthiness, my reliability, my loyalty to Canada and my reliability as it relates to my loyalty, with regard to any information and documentation provided by me in support of this personal background check, I consent to the use of this personal information by and its disclosure to:

- Any authorized Government of Canada security screening official;
- The RCMP, law enforcement agencies and police forces;
- CSIS;
- Other entities, such as credit bureaus, that are internal or external to the Government of Canada.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, my consent includes such personal information as my:

- Name;
- Date of birth;
- Immigration and citizenship status in Canada;
- Residential history;
- Employment history;
- Educational credentials or professional designations;
- Fingerprints and facial image for identification purposes (as applicable).

Information about my spouse and any former spouses, relatives, and cohabitants may also be shared with the RCMP, CSIS, or other law enforcement agencies and police forces when necessary to assess my reliability, my loyalty to Canada and my reliability as it relates to my loyalty.

For the purpose of this personal background check, I authorize any and all persons or organizations, including public, non-public, para-public, private or governmental institutions that have information about me, to release such information to the Government of Canada upon request.

I further authorize law enforcement agencies or police forces to check and release to the Government of Canada or the RCMP any other information about me contained in any accessible records and databases under their control as described in the *Directive on Security Screening*. This information may include my:

- Criminal history;
- Charges;
- Court orders.

I understand that this consent also authorizes law enforcement agencies and/or police forces to release to the Government of Canada or the RCMP any information about me or my associations to enable an assessment of my trustworthiness and reliability. I therefore give the RCMP permission to release to the Government of Canada, in whole or in part, the information it has collected about me in relation to this personal background check to determine my suitability for public office.

This consent will remain valid for conducting verifications, inquiries, assessments and investigations, including any subsequent verifications that are required as part of the judicial verification process, until I revoke my consent to an authorized institutional security screening official using the appropriate electronic or written means.

I consent to the background checks outlined above in connection with this process. Furthermore, I understand that a subject interview may be conducted, if necessary, to verify the results.

I understand that the information provided to the Department of Justice Canada will be kept confidential by both the Department of Justice Canada and the Minister's Office and will be used for the judicial appointment process in accordance with the law. I acknowledge that this consent remains valid until I revoke it in writing.

 **Signature**

Date (yyyy/mm/dd)