

**IMPORTANT NOTICE - BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIREMENT EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 16, 2026**

Pursuant to the FBI Audit conducted in January 2026, the Alabama Board of Funeral Services is implementing the following requirement, effective immediately:

All licenses are required to submit a background check **with every new application filed with the Board**. This requirement applies **regardless of current licensure status**. Even if you are presently licensed, a new background check must be completed each time an application is submitted.

**Background Check Requirements:**

- Background Check Fee: **\$38.25**
- **Two (2) completed fingerprint cards**
- **Required for every new application submitted**
- **No exceptions**

If you submit **more than one license application at the same time**, only **one background check** is required. However, **separate background checks are required for applications submitted at different times**.

For example:

- If you apply for a Cremationist License and a Funeral Director License at the same time, only one background check is required.
- If you apply for a Cremationist License and later apply for a Funeral Director License at a different date, an additional background check application fee will be required.

**Failure to comply with this requirement may result in delays or denial of application processing.**  
**If you have questions regarding this requirement, please contact the Alabama Board of Funeral Services.**