



TEXAS COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT

Technical Assistance Bulletin

To: All Texas Law Enforcement Agencies/Contract Training Providers/Licensees
From: Cullen Grissom, Credentialing, Field Services and Education Services
Regarding: **Background Investigation - National Decertification Index requirement**
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Senate Bill 1445 (88R), the TCOLE Sunset Bill, added Section 1701.169 Law Enforcement Database to the Texas Occupations Code. This new section requires TCOLE to identify a national law enforcement database that Texas agencies must access to complete the pre-employment background investigation required for appointment of a licensee.

TCOLE has selected the National Decertification Index (NDI) maintained by the International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training (IADLEST) as the database required to be used by Texas agencies as part of the background investigation process. The NDI serves as a national registry of certificate or license revocation actions relating to officer misconduct. The records contained in the NDI are provided by participating state government agencies and should be verified with the contributing state authority.

The statutorily required NDI search is not unique to out-of-state applicants. All applicants for appointment to a licensed position in Texas must be submitted to an NDI search. TCOLE may not issue a license, nor may an agency appoint someone who has had a license revoked or suspended in another state.

Access to the NDI is currently provided free of charge and agencies may request multiple users. For access to the NDI an agency must request an account at the following web address: <https://www.iadlest.org/our-services/ndi/about-ndi>

TCOLE acts as the approving authority for accounts requested by Texas agencies. TCOLE will only approved access for persons who have a current PID number and are appointed to the TCLEDDS roster of the Texas agency requesting access to the database. When requesting access please provide the requestors TCOLE PID number under the State ID section for faster processing.