

AMERITEK ID

FINGERPRINT QUALITY REFERENCE GUIDE

The condition or “quality” of an individual’s fingerprints will determine whether or not they can be read for the purposes of a Live Scan criminal background check by the DOJ and FBI. Fingerprint ridges can be flattened out by wear, dryness or a medical condition which would make them impossible to read. In a case where an Applicant’s fingerprints can not be read and are rejected by the DOJ and/or FBI, the Applicant will receive notice to have their fingerprints taken again. By law there is no charge for a fingerprint record resubmission. The following are three examples of fingerprint quality.



Poor quality or “low resolution” fingerprint

This print will not be accepted



Average quality/resolution fingerprint

This print is acceptable



Excellent quality or “high resolution” fingerprint

This print is acceptable