

## Changes to PCRCRA Volunteer Applications

### **POLICE RECORD CHECK & CRIMINAL RECORD AND JUDICIAL MATTERS CHECK ONLY**

**Effective April 1, 2022**

*In Ontario, the Police Record Checks Reform Act, 2015 (PRCRA) governs the types of record checks that can be conducted for screening purposes such as employment or volunteering. The act authorizes different types of police record checks.*

*The PRCRA has been amended as a part of Bill 13 – Supporting People and Businesses Act, 2021 (Schedule 20), to reduce barriers for volunteers. **The amendments to the PRCRA will be coming into force on April 1, 2022.***

**DEFINITION:** Under the amendment, a “**volunteer**” means a person who performs a service but who receives no compensation for doing so other than an allowance for expenses or an honorarium. It **excludes** a person receiving some other form of credit such as academic credit or fulfilling a sentence requirement.

**QUALIFYING APPLICATIONS:** These amendments require police services to conduct and provide the results of **Criminal Record Checks** and **Criminal Record and Judicial Matters Checks** for volunteers at no charge. In order to be free of charge, the application must be completed in person. No online applications will be free of charge, standard fees will apply.

**VULNERABLE SECTOR CHECKS:** Volunteers will still be required to pay for a Vulnerable Sector Check based on the police service requirements.