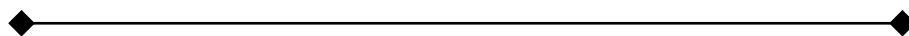


Allowable Uses of NICS for DOF Checks

A background check for the Disposition of Firearms (DOF) is only available for law enforcement **or** criminal justice agencies. A law enforcement agency must have possession of the firearm to be able to run a DOF check. Criminal Justice personnel such as district attorneys require NICS information for disposition orders from a judge to return a weapon.

The DOF check **CANNOT** be conducted in NICS for individuals residing in a state that is different from the state where the DOF agency is located.



There are other options to performing the DOF check:

1. Since *FFLs are the only entity permitted to transfer (long guns) out-of-state, the DOF agency can transfer the firearms to a local FFL to conduct the NICS check.

OR

2. The DOF agency can give the firearm (handgun or long gun) to a law enforcement agency in the state where the individual resides, and that agency can run the DOF check.

OR

3. The DOF agency can give the firearm (handgun or long gun) to an FFL in the state where the individual resides, and that FFL can run the NICS check.

OR

4. If the individual has an out-of-state residency that is different than the DOF agency (due to being in the military), you can use their military orders to use as residency to run the DOF check.

*NICS — National Instant Criminal Background Check System

*FFL — Federal Firearms Licensee