



FAQ for CA Business and Professions Code 18975 (AB506)

We will add to the FAQ monthly, so please submit any questions to the email addresses at the bottom of page 2.

Note: With the blessings of His Eminence, Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco, Bishop Ioannis of Phocaea, Chancellor, sent a communication to all Clergy, Parish Council Presidents and Parish Youth Safety Administrators on February 7, 2024. If you have not seen the directive with its attachments, please email and request a copy.

Q: What is AB506?

A: The Assembly Bill (AB506) became the law now known as (CA Business and Professions Code 18975) on September 16, 2021 and went into effect for "Youth Service Organizations" on January 1, 2024. The law in the relevant part sets requirements for Youth Service Organizations to utilize Live Scan fingerprinting, Mandated Reporter training, and various policies. The full text of the law is found [here](#).

Q: Who must follow the law?

A: This law applies to "Youth Services Organizations" in California only. In our Metropolis, all California-based parishes including all Clergy, Boards/Councils, employees and those who serve as Youth Workers must comply with AB506.

Q: What is Live Scan?

A: Live Scan is the process of capturing fingerprints electronically to the CA Department of Justice (DOJ). It is an automated service for criminal history background checks that are required for CA Business and Professions Code 18975 (AB506) With live scan fingerprinting there are no ink or hard cards, which makes the fingerprinting process faster, cleaner, and easier.

Q: Do we complete both the Archdiocese Youth Safety and the CA requirements?

A: Yes. All Archdiocesan Clergy, Boards/Councils, and Youth Workers throughout the country must register on the Archdiocesan Youth Safety Platform and undergo the screening required by the Archdiocese. This check covers a number of searches, including, but not limited to: a **Nationwide** Criminal Enhanced Search, a National DOJ Sex Offender Search, SSN Trace and a trace through the Office of Foreign Asset Control. In addition, those individuals located in California will also comply with the minimum CA requirement of a fingerprinted background check through the CA Department of Justice which is limited to arrests/convictions in CA. AB506 requires specific training which will be added to the current training on the Archdiocesan Youth Safety Platform for CA only.

Q: What is the process to get the fingerprinting?

A: First, you must register in the Archdiocesan Youth Safety Platform (youthsafetyplatform.goarch.org). Once you register there, you will receive an email with instructions to get fingerprinting. If you have already registered, you will receive an email with the info. Look for email Subject: Metropolis of San Francisco Live Scan. It may be in your Spam or Promotions folder.

Q: How do I register?

- New User to Youth Safety Platform: You will be sent instructions upon completing the registration process. Go to youthsafetyplatform.goarch.org to begin.
- A Returning User to the Youth Safety Platform: Shortly, all current California Users will receive an email prompt with instructions to log back into Sterling and begin the fingerprint process. The current registration process is being streamlined by Sterling. Within the next two weeks, it should be completed. After that time, we will prompt all the California Users.

Q: What is the cost?

A: There is no cost directly to you, but to your parish. You may consider making a donation to cover the expense. California will not charge a state fee to the Metropolis, which could have been as high as \$100 per person. The fees that are charged are the fingerprinting fee (Usually \$20 - \$25 when a User

travels to a print location near their residence and \$30 if the parish arranges for a parish on-site screening day.) and a \$14.95 integration TPA fee. **The fingerprinting cost is one-time.**

Q: Who sees the records?

A: The Custodian of Record for the Metropolis of San Francisco is the Metropolis Chancellor. The Custodian, Bishop Ioannis of Phocaea, may confer with the Archdiocese or Metropolis Legal Counsel as appropriate.

Q: What happens if my fingerprints are rejected?

A: Approximately 2% of the Applicants will be rejected due to poor fingerprint image quality. If you receive a rejection notification, please email youthsafety@goarch.org for specific instructions to resubmit.

Q: How does my parish arrange for a Live Scan event?

A: Email youthsafety@sanfran.goarch.org and youthsafety@goarch.org. We will put you in touch with the appropriate source. Allow three weeks lead time. Note: Typically, there is a 40-person minimum and the cost is \$10 extra per person.

Q: How does a Live Scan event work?

A: We recently had a Youth Safety/Live Scan at the Metropolis Folk Dance Festival in Anaheim. Users were encouraged to pre-register. Same day appointments were available too. The vendor who provided the service at FDF will be available for 24 of the parishes in surrounding Orange County. Below is a list of how many were screened at each parish. For a list of names for your parish, please send a request to the emails below.

Count	Parish	City
4	Annunciation Cathedral	San Francisco
20	Annunciation Church	Modesto
1	Annunciation Church	Sacramento
2	Ascension Cathedral	Oakland
26	Assumption Church	Long Beach
8	Church of the Resurrection	Castro Valley
13	Nativity of Christ Church	Novato
1	Saint Andrew Church	San Luis Obispo
6	Saint Basil Church	San Juan Capistrano
1	Saint George Church	Downey
5	Saint George Church	Fresno
1	Saint George Church	Palm Desert
3	Saint John the Baptist Church	Anaheim
11	Saint Katherine Church	Redondo Beach
3	Saint Nicholas Church	San Jose
2	Saint Paul Church	Irvine
17	Saint Sophia Cathedral	Los Angeles
4	Saint Spyridon Church	San Diego
3	Saints Constantine & Helen Church	Cardiff by the Sea

Additional questions: youthsafety@sanfran.goarch.org and cc: youthsafety@goarch.org