

Instructions to Complete the Pennsylvania Child Abuse Check

(After you have completed your online application)

Step 1: You will receive an email and/or text notification from Orange Tree with:

- Link to Child Welfare Portal to access required form. (<https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home>)
- Payment code for PA Clearance Request. **(Write this down).**

Step 2: Please use the payment code from **Step 1** to pay for the PA Clearance Request.

Step 3: You **MUST** reply to the "Follow-up Question" task in the candidate portal, with, "I have completed the PA child abuse online request." to finish the process. **If using a mobile device, it is best to use it in portrait mode hold their mobile device in Portrait Mode as the website is not mobile optimized.**

Please refer to the following pages for walkthrough directions.

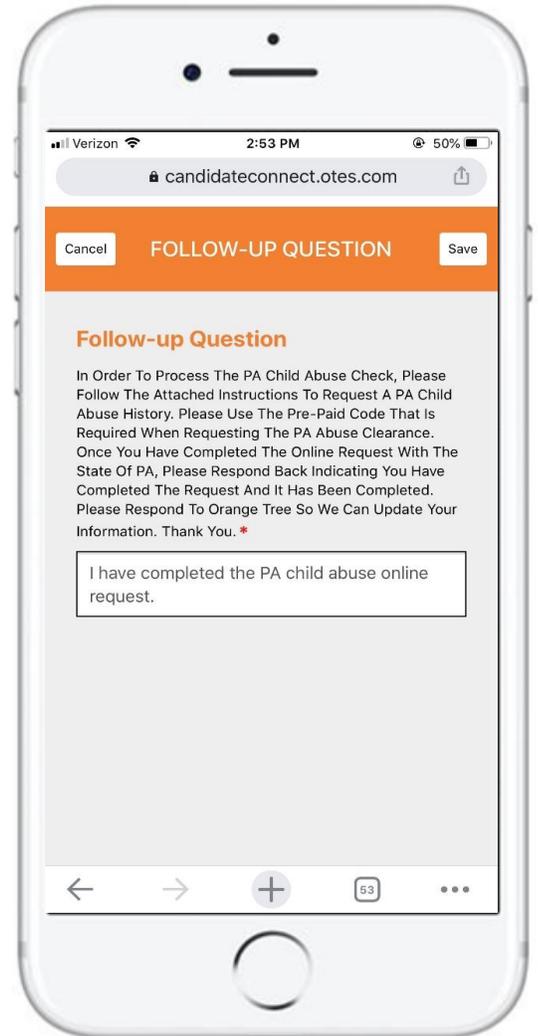
If you have any questions, please contact us:

Orange Tree Client Experience Team

Phone: 888.222.0667

Email: candidateconnect@otes.com

Please provide this information as soon as possible to prevent delays in your start date.





If you have not previously setup an account, you will click on 'Create Individual Account' and provide the required information.

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Need Help? Contact the CWIS Support Center at 1-877-343-0494

If the child you would like to report on is in immediate danger, please call 911 immediately.

Clearance Applicants: Please note, if you submit payment for a Clearance and are routed back to the beginning of the process with an indication your application is missing information, please DO NOT SUBMIT SUBSEQUENT PAYMENTS, as you may incur additional charges. Please instead call the CWIS Support Center at 877-343-0494. Or you may call the ChildLine Clearance Unit directly at 877-371-5422. Thank you.

WELCOME TO THE

Child Welfare Portal

Our service provides a means for individuals to apply for PA Child Abuse History Clearance online and for mandated reporters to report child abuse in Pennsylvania.

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Organizations can manage PA Child Abuse History Clearances online for their employees and volunteers

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Create Keystone ID: General Information



Welcome!

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is improving how it provides online services to citizens! Several state agencies are working together to allow you to establish a Keystone ID which creates a single way to access several different state programs. Currently, the Keystone ID that you create and manage here can be used for:

[Child Welfare Portal](#)

Users of the Child Welfare Portal can apply for a Pennsylvania child abuse history clearance or submit child abuse referrals.

[SERS' Online Member Services](#)

Members of the State Employees' Retirement System can get statements, run estimates, and more.

[Disaster Training Registration](#)

The Disaster Training Registration allows Individuals to search for and attend courses related to disaster situations.

[COMPASS](#)

COMPASS is an online application for Pennsylvanians to apply for many health and human service programs.

If you already have signed into any of these programs, you do not need to create another one now. Simply use the user name and password you've already established to access all of these services. Keep in mind that if you change your password or any other profile information in any one of these programs, the changes you make will apply to all programs that use the Keystone ID. Keep an eye out for the Keystone ID sign-in on more state websites in the future. It's just another way the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is working to serve you better.

NEXT **CANCEL**

Create Keystone ID: Profile Information

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• = Required

To create a new Keystone ID, please provide the following information:

- Keystone ID (must be 6 to 64 characters)
- First Name
- Last Name
- Date Of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)
- E-mail
- Confirm E-mail

To ensure online security, please select and provide answers for security questions. These questions will be used if you forget your password.

Security Question Tips

Choose questions for which you will easily recall the answers; do not write down the questions and answers, as this undermines their usefulness as a security tool. Avoid using special characters (\$#@%) and punctuation (", .) in your answers. You cannot use the same question more than once. Answer cannot be any phrase directly from the question.

- Security Question 1
- Answer
- Security Question 2
- Answer
- Security Question 3
- Answer

For security reasons, please answer the following question.

Question **A ripe tomato is what color?**

- Answer

Check your e-mail for your temporary password!

You have successfully created a Keystone ID and a temporary password has been e-mailed to you. For the safety of your personal and financial information, you cannot begin working until you retrieve this temporary password and sign back in to the system. You need to use this temporary password the first time you sign in. When you sign in for the first time, you will be required to create a personal password for future use.

Please close this browser window and login to your application.

Upon completion you will receive 2 emails: one confirming your email ID and the other with your temporary password.

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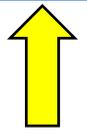
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What Would You Like To Do Today?

Please select which account you would like to access.

ACCESS MY CLEARANCES

ACCESS MY REFERRALS



Click on "Access My Clearances"



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ABOUT THIS WEBSITE

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DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

Public Disclosure

As a general rule, the Commonwealth does not disclose any personally identifiable information (PII) collected online except where you have given us permission, or where the information is public information under the Pennsylvania Right to Know Act 65 P.S. 66.1 et seq., or other applicable laws. Visitors should be aware that information collected by the Commonwealth on its websites may be subject to examination and inspection, if such information is a public record and not otherwise protected from disclosure.

Social Security Number Disclosure

You are consenting to a verification of your Social Security number through the Social Security Administration. Your Social Security number is also being sought under 23 Pa.C.S. §§ 6336(a)(1) (relating to Information in statewide central register), 6344 (relating to Information relating to prospective child care personnel), 6344.1 (relating to Information relating to family day-care home residents), and 6344.2 (relating to Information relating to other persons having contact with children). The department will use your Social Security number to search the statewide central register to determine whether you are listed as the perpetrator in an indicated or founded report of child abuse.

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Keystone Key

Self-service for Citizens

- [Forgot Password](#)
- [Edit Profile](#)

Self-service for Commonwealth Employees

- [Change CWOPA Password or Hint Questions](#)



Enter Username and Password, then click "LOGIN"

WARNING! US GOVERNMENT SYSTEM... DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM. Unauthorized access is prohibited by Public Law 99-474 "The Computer Fraud and Abuse Act of 1996". Use of this system constitutes CONSENT TO MONITORING AT ALL TIMES and is not subject to ANY expectation of privacy. Unauthorized use of or access to this system may be subject to state or federal law. This statement is being posted by the Department of Public Welfare Security.

How would you like to verify your account?



Security Questions

Answer your security questions to verify your account

START



Email Security Code

Receive a security code via email address to verify your account

START

**Choose your option to
verify your account**

What type of device are you using?



Private Device (Authorize Device)

By selecting this option, you are allowing this website to recognize this device for future logins

SELECT



Public or Shared Device (Do NOT Authorize Device)

By selecting this option, this website will NOT recognize this device for future logins

SELECT

Choose your option



Set Permanent Password

Alert: Please change your current password before continuing.

Update your password

• = Required

User ID

First Name

Last Name

• Password

• Confirm Password

To ensure online security, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania requires passwords that :
are at least eight characters long.
contain at least one number.
contain at least one upper case letter.
contain at least one lower case letter.
contain at least one special character, such as @&*%\$^.
do not include any of your user name, your first name, or your last name.

SUBMIT

CANCEL



Congratulations!

You have successfully set a personal password for your Keystone ID!
Please click the Close Window button and login to your application with your personal password.

Close Window



Login and follow the instructions

My Child Welfare Account Terms and Conditions

Thank you for visiting My Child Welfare Account. This site is designed to make it easier and more efficient for Pennsylvania citizens to view information about benefits and services they are receiving through the Department of Human Services.

Terms and Conditions

This policy addresses the collection, security, access and use of information that may be obtained through "My Child Welfare Account. This policy covers the following topics:

- Information we Collect
Access and Disclosure
Security
Information disclaimer
Penalty for Misuse

Information Collected:
We collect the following information:
Demographic, financial and medical information;
The name of domain; for example, "xcompany.com" if you use a private Internet access account, or "yourschool.edu", if you are connecting from a university domain;
An IP address, a number automatically assigned to your computer when you are using the Internet;
The type of browser and operating system used to access our site.

- I have read, fully understand and agree to the My Child Welfare Account Terms and Conditions
I do not accept the My Child Welfare account Terms and Conditions



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My PA Child Abuse History Clearances

CREATE CLEARANCE APPLICATION

ADD APPLICATION TO ACCOUNT



Click "Create Clearance Application"



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Getting Started

What to Expect

The exact amount of time it will take for you to complete this clearance application will vary depending on the information you supply.

If you have been provided an authorization code by the organization that is asking you to apply for a clearance, you will have a chance to enter it on the application payment page. Otherwise you will have the ability to enter your credit/debit card information as a form of payment.

You will be required to provide an electronic signature (e-Signature) in order for your Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance application (CY113) to be accepted. If you do not wish to provide an e-Signature then you must download, complete, sign and mail in a paper copy of the CY113. You can download the CY113 by [clicking here](#)

You will be able to save and print your application once you have completed the application online.

Your clearance certificate will be available through your Child Abuse History Clearance Account once your application has been processed. Additionally, you can choose to have it sent to your home or mailing address. Your Child Abuse History Certification is valid for 60 months.

Information You Will Need

Before you start, you should have the following information readily available to help you complete your application:

- Addresses where you have previously lived
- Names of all individuals with whom you have lived to include parents, guardians, siblings, spouses, etc.
- Any previous names you have used or have been known by

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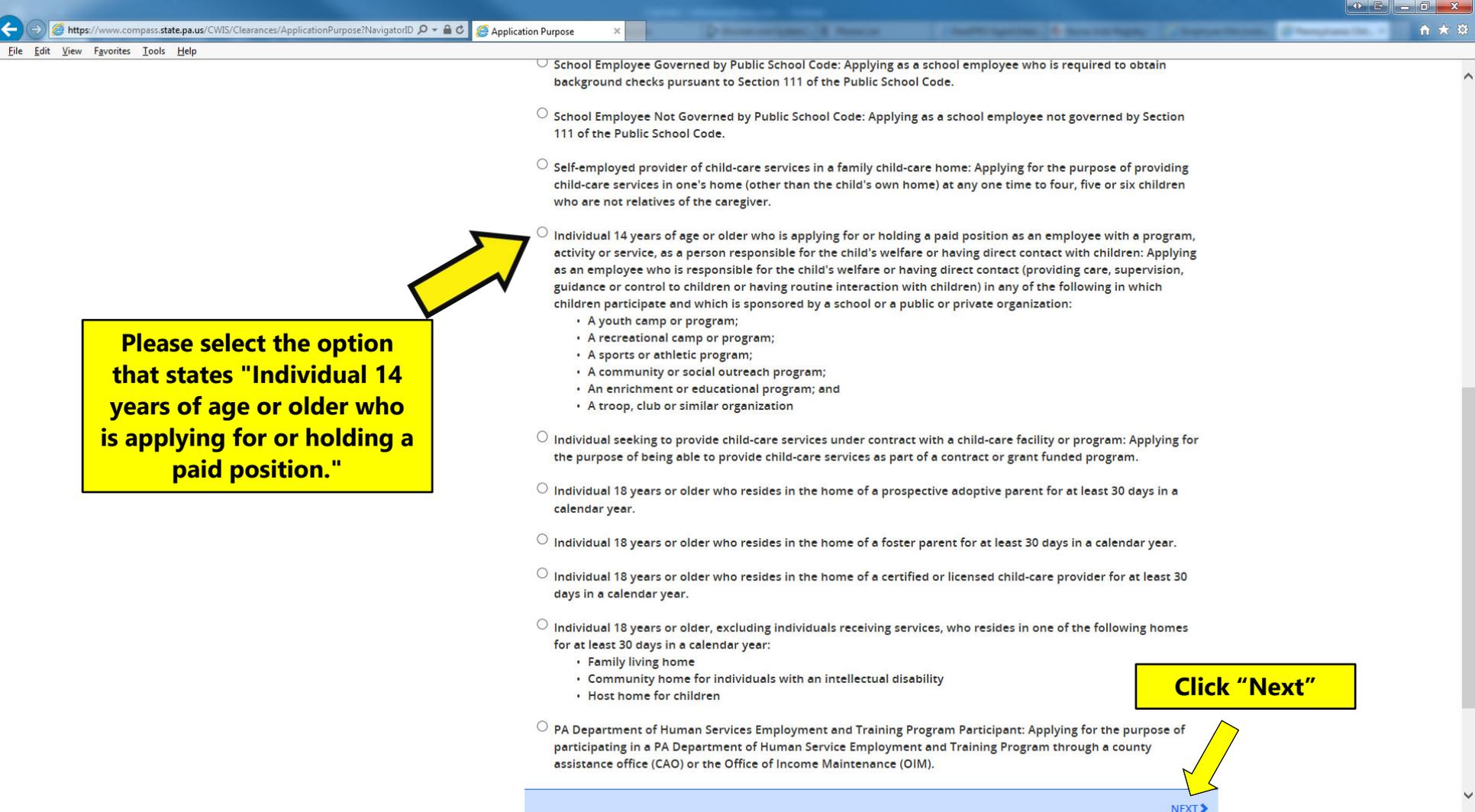
Application Purpose

Please select the reason you are submitting this Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance application. You can select only one reason per application. If you require additional child abuse history clearances for any other reason, you will need to submit another application. You can submit another application at any time from your PA Child Abuse History Clearance Account.

For more detailed definitions and exceptions to clearance requirements please see the Who Needs Child Abuse Clearances at <http://keepkidssafe.pa.gov/clearances/index.htm>

- Volunteer Having Contact with Children: Applying for the purpose of volunteering as an adult for an unpaid position as a volunteer with a child-care service, a school or a program, activity or service, as a person responsible for the child's welfare or having direct volunteer contact with children.
- Foster Parent: Applying for purposes of providing foster care.
- Prospective Adoptive Parent: Applying for the purpose of adoption.
- Employee of Child Care Services: Applying for the purposes of child-care services in the following: Child day-care centers; group day-care homes; family child-care homes; boarding homes for children; juvenile detention center services or other programs for delinquent or dependent children; mental health services for children; services for children with intellectual disabilities; early intervention services for children; drug and alcohol services for children; and day-care services or other programs that are offered by a school.
- School Employee Governed by Public School Code: Applying as a school employee who is required to obtain background checks pursuant to Section 111 of the Public School Code.

Choose the option which fits your purpose



Please select the option that states "Individual 14 years of age or older who is applying for or holding a paid position."

- School Employee Governed by Public School Code: Applying as a school employee who is required to obtain background checks pursuant to Section 111 of the Public School Code.
- School Employee Not Governed by Public School Code: Applying as a school employee not governed by Section 111 of the Public School Code.
- Self-employed provider of child-care services in a family child-care home: Applying for the purpose of providing child-care services in one's home (other than the child's own home) at any one time to four, five or six children who are not relatives of the caregiver.
- Individual 14 years of age or older who is applying for or holding a paid position as an employee with a program, activity or service, as a person responsible for the child's welfare or having direct contact with children: Applying as an employee who is responsible for the child's welfare or having direct contact (providing care, supervision, guidance or control to children or having routine interaction with children) in any of the following in which children participate and which is sponsored by a school or a public or private organization:
 - A youth camp or program;
 - A recreational camp or program;
 - A sports or athletic program;
 - A community or social outreach program;
 - An enrichment or educational program; and
 - A troop, club or similar organization
- Individual seeking to provide child-care services under contract with a child-care facility or program: Applying for the purpose of being able to provide child-care services as part of a contract or grant funded program.
- Individual 18 years or older who resides in the home of a prospective adoptive parent for at least 30 days in a calendar year.
- Individual 18 years or older who resides in the home of a foster parent for at least 30 days in a calendar year.
- Individual 18 years or older who resides in the home of a certified or licensed child-care provider for at least 30 days in a calendar year.
- Individual 18 years or older, excluding individuals receiving services, who resides in one of the following homes for at least 30 days in a calendar year:
 - Family living home
 - Community home for individuals with an intellectual disability
 - Host home for children
- PA Department of Human Services Employment and Training Program Participant: Applying for the purpose of participating in a PA Department of Human Service Employment and Training Program through a county assistance office (CAO) or the Office of Income Maintenance (OIM).

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Complete each section of the application as much as possible.

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Applicant Information

Please provide some basic information about yourself and confirm that the email address listed below is the email address where you wish to receive all emails regarding this application.

First Name <small>(required)</small>	Middle Name	Last Name <small>(required)</small>	Suffix
<input type="text" value="Mike"/>	<input type="text" value="Eg., Scott"/>	<input type="text" value="Hovorka"/>	<input type="text" value="--Select--"/>
Date of Birth <small>(required)</small>	Gender <small>(required)</small>		
<input type="text" value="01/01/2001"/>	<input type="text" value="--Select--"/>		

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Providing your Social Security number may enable the Department to expedite the review of your request for a clearance certificate. If you do not provide your Social Security number additional levels of identity verification may be required by ChildLine staff, reducing the chance of automatic processing of your request.

However, please note that disclosure of your Social Security number is voluntary and therefore, if you do not consent to

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Current Address

Please enter your home and mailing address information on this page, and indicate your preferred certificate delivery method below.

Please keep a copy of this e-Clearance ID for future reference.

Home Address

Country (required)

Address Line 1 (required)

Address Line 2

City (required)

State (required)

Zip Code (required)

County

Mailing Address

All notices and correspondences will be sent to you at the mailing address entered here.

Attention

We can only send notices and correspondences (including your clearance certificate) to your residential address or your personal P.O. Box.

Is your mailing address the same as your home address? (required) ?



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Previous Addresses

Please enter everywhere you have lived since 1975.If you cannot remember exact addresses, please enter as much information as you can.

+ ADD PREVIOUS ADDRESS

Country	Street Address	City	State	Zip Code	County
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Household Members

Please tell us about everyone with whom you have ever lived since 1975 or anyone with whom you are currently living. This includes, but is not limited to, your parents, guardians, spouses and/or siblings.

[+ ADD HOUSEHOLD MEMBER](#)

Full Name	Relationship To Applicant	Current Age	Gender
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Application Summary

Below is a summary of the information you have entered so far. Please check your information for accuracy. If your information is not correct or needs to be updated, please click the edit button in the heading of the section that you would like to update and modify it as necessary.

EXPAND ALL

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eSignature

You are almost finished! To complete your application please eSign below by checking the acknowledgement and entering your **first and last name** as it appears on the Application Information screen.

I hereby certify that the information entered on this report is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief and submitted as true and correct under penalty of law (Section 4904 of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code). (required)

Signature (required)

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Once you have completed the eSignature page you will be asked about payment options.

Please use the following code >> _____, there will be no charge to you for the background check.

Continue and complete the background check questionnaire. **Click Submit.**

You are finished at this point; results will be ready in about 2 weeks.

General FAQ's can be found here -

<https://www.compass.state.pa.us/CWIS/Public/FAQ>