

# PBSA ACCREDITATION

## THE BACKGROUND SCREENING AGENCY ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

### ACCREDITATION OVERVIEW



The Professional Background Screening Association offers an accreditation program for Consumer Reporting Agencies (CRAs) in the U.S. Governed by a **strict and thorough** set of professional standards of specified requirements and measurements, the Background Screening Agency Accreditation Program (BSAAP) has become a **widely recognized seal of achievement** that brings recognition to background screening organizations.

### SIX AREAS OF ACCREDITATION

Accredited CRAs have made a commitment to uphold and deliver the highest level of industry standards in these areas:

Information  
Security



Legal &  
Compliance



Client  
Education



Researcher &  
Data Standards



Verificaton  
Services



Business  
Practices

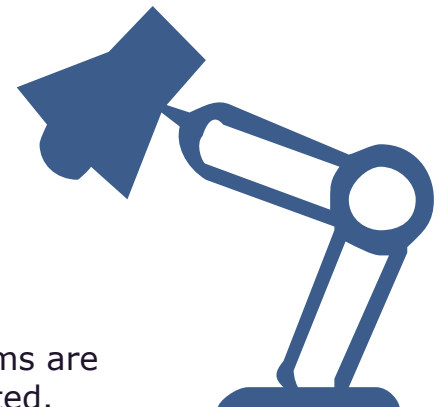


### AUDITS AND EXPIRATION

To become accredited, consumer reporting agencies must pass a **rigorous onsite audit**, conducted by an **independent auditing firm**, of its policies and procedures as they relate to the six critical areas.

After three years, a **surveillance audit** is conducted to ensure accredited consumer reporting agencies are **maintaining their commitment** to deliver the highest level of industry standards.

Accreditation lasts for a period of **five years**, after which time firms are required to recomplete the process if they wish to remain accredited.



\*Expansion outside the USA coming soon