



Private Investigators Association of Idaho Membership Application

Please check application type:

☐ Active

☐ Associate

☐ Entry/Student

PIAI Membership Information & Requirements

The Private Investigators Association of Idaho offers three membership categories: **Active**, **Associate**, and **Entry/Student**. All members in good standing are entitled to display the PIAI logo and receive a Certificate of Membership and a PIAI identification card. All applicants must pass a Background check and review by the PIAI Board of Directors. Upon review the applicant will be notified regarding membership status, annual dues payment and membership registration.

- Submit completed application and documentation to: membership@piai.us
- Submit \$50 non-refundable Background Check fee at time of application. Go to: <https://piai.us/become-a-member/> to make payment.
- Must be **21 years of age or older**.
- Payment accepted via **PayPal, Company Check, or Money Order**.
- PIAI Memberships are **renewed annually**.

Active Membership

- **Dues:** \$100/year .
- **Experience:** Proof of at least 250 hours of verifiable work experience as a private investigator. (*Active or Retired Military & Law Enforcement with verifiable investigative experience qualify for a 50% reduction to 125 hours, subject to PIAI Board approval.*)
- Currently practicing as a Private Investigator in Idaho with general liability insurance (minimum \$500,000).
- Must provide a copy of an Idaho business license or applicable business documentation (independent contractor or employed by an investigative service company).
- Must pass a **background check**.

Associate Membership

- **Dues:** \$75/year
- Open to individuals, business entities, state associations, and those retired from or in support of the private investigations field or a related industry.
- Must pass a **background check**.

Entry / Student Membership

- **Dues:** \$50/year
- Must be currently enrolled in education courses (online or onsite) or actively pursuing a Private Investigation career.
- Must pass a **background check**.



CPI Certification

For those seeking to become a **Certified Private Investigator (CPI)**, the Idaho CPI Certification Program provides a pathway for new PIAI applicants and existing members. Select the appropriate pathway based on your membership status through **[The Idaho Certified Private Investigator Program.](#)**

The CPI designation signifies verified experience, knowledge, and competency in the field of private investigations. The CPI Certification, along with the CPI logo and professional designation, is awarded to members who successfully complete the Idaho Certified Private Investigator course modules, certification exam, and receive PIAI approval.

The following must be submitted to certification@piai.us to qualify for Certification:

- Successful completion of the **[PIAI Idaho Certification course modules and the PIAI certification exam](#)** with a test score of 75% or greater.
- Proof of a minimum of **250 hours** of verifiable experience in the field of private investigations.
(Active or Retired Military & Law Enforcement enjoy a 50% reduction to 125 hours of verifiable private investigation experience. Subject to PIAI Board approval.)
- Copy of **E&O / general liability insurance** (Minimum \$500,000)
- Copy of **private investigator license** (where required by jurisdiction or state)
- Copy of **business license** or other business documentation, whether an independent contractor, sole proprietor, or employed by an investigative service firm/company.
- **3 professional references** (references must have known applicant minimum of 3 years)
- Verification of **PIAI membership in good standing.**
- Pass an **oral interview** administered by the PIAI Certification Program.
- Pass a **background investigation.**

The PIAI Certification Committee will contact you to review and verify your documents. Upon certification, you will receive a Certificate of Completion, CPI logo permissions, and access to the LinkedIn CPI Badge.

NOTE: Renewal of your CPI Certification requires the submission of 20 hours of verifiable continuing education prior to your two-year certification anniversary.

The CPI certification is not intended to substitute or replace any state or local licensing where required. Rather, it acts in addition to an individual's commitment to their industry and provides confidence and trust with the public, especially in the state of Idaho where licensing or certification is not required.

Personal Information

Name (Last, First, M.I.)

SSN

DOB (MM/DD/YY)

Physical Address, City, State, Zip

Mailing Address, City, State, Zip (if different from above)

Primary Phone

Secondary Phone

Email Address

Country and Place of Birth

Maiden Name / Aliases

Education History

School Name / Address

Date of Graduation

Degree Received

College

Trade School

Certification

Certification

General Information

Subjects of Special Study / Research, Work, or Special Training / Skills

US Military Service

Rank

Law Enforcement Service

Rank

Current Employer

Start Date	Name and Address of Employer
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End Date	Position	Type of Business / Description of Work
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Previous Employer

Start Date	Name and Address of Employer
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End Date	Position	Type of Business / Description of Work
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Reason for Leaving

Previous Employer

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Reason for Leaving

Criminal History

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, give full particulars of each case:

Additional Information

Any additional information you would like to add:

References

List three persons **not related to you** whom you have known for at least **3 years**.

Name	Phone	Relationship	Years Known
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Applicant Certification

- I certify that the information I have provided to the Private Investigators Association of Idaho is **true, correct, and complete**. I am not providing misleading, false, or deceptive information. I understand that if I have provided misleading, false, or deceptive information, the association will dismiss my application and I will not be eligible to reapply at any time.
- I may be asked to provide additional documentation. I understand that the PIAI reserves the right to verify all information I provide. If I misrepresent my credentials, refuse to provide documentation when asked, or am not current with my insurance, bond, continuing education, or required licensing, my certification and/or membership will be terminated.
- I understand the \$50 background check fee is non refundable.
- I agree to notify the PIAI Board in writing within ten (10) days of any arrest or of becoming the subject of a civil or criminal complaint that may reasonably impact my professional standing, business interests, the reputation of the PIAI, or my eligibility for continued membership.
- I agree to **hold harmless and indemnify** PIAI and its officers and directors for any misrepresentation of my credentials and for all claims, loss, judgment, or expense.
- PIAI board does not endorse, guarantee, or warrant the work or opinions of any individual who is certified or a member. Membership and/or CPI certification does not imply licensing or registration by the organization of a member's qualifications, abilities, or expertise.
- I acknowledge that the PIAI Board does **not assume any responsibility or liability** for those who become a PIAI member and/or a CPI-Certified Private Investigator.
- The applicant agrees to **always adhere to the PIAI Code of Conduct**.

By signing this I agree to the terms stated above:

Applicant Signature

Date