

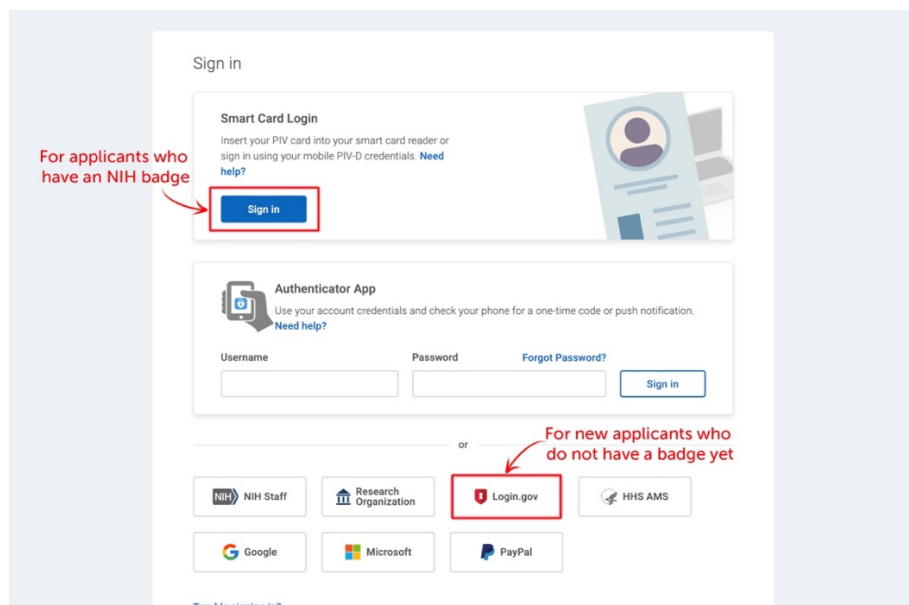
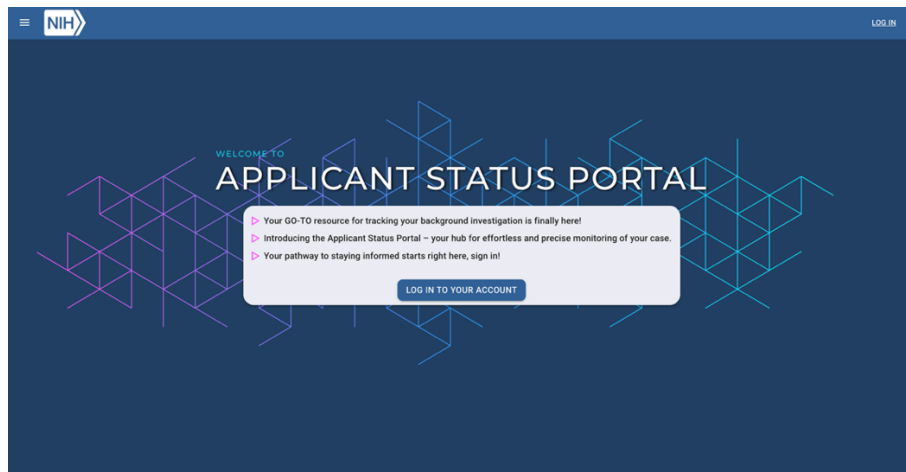
Division of Personnel Security (DPS) Status Portal

Individuals with active badge requests or undergoing new background investigations may see where they stand in this process by visiting the [DPS Status Portal](#).

How do I access the portal?

Applicants going through a background investigation will receive login instructions by email as part of the Prescreening and/or Enrollment process.

- Existing NIH badge (PIV card) holders: Log in directly with your PIV card.
- New applicants without a badge: Create an account using Login.gov. Applicants must use the personal email address that is associated with their NIH record. Failure to enter a matching email will result in an error.



What information will I see once logged in?

- In-progress: Action items still needed from you, so you can anticipate upcoming communications from DPS.
- Complete: Action items you've finished, along with next steps toward receiving your NIH badge.

The screenshot shows the 'CURRENT STATUS Prescreening' dashboard. At the top, there is a blue header with a menu icon and the NIH logo. Below the header, the title 'CURRENT STATUS Prescreening' is displayed, followed by 'Last Updated Tuesday, Jul 14, 2026'. The main section is titled 'CASE HISTORY' and contains four items, each with a status icon, a date, and a description:

- IN-PROGRESS** Jul 14, 2026: Waiting for Applicant to submit federal background investigation forms.
- IN-PROGRESS** Jul 14, 2026: Awaiting Applicant's fingerprint submission and/or enrollment. Please contact DPS Help Desk if assistance is needed with scheduling a fingerprint appointment.
- COMPLETE** Jul 14, 2026: Instructions for completing the required federal background investigation were sent to the Applicant via email.
- COMPLETE** Jul 14, 2026: Determining Applicant's investigation requirements and/or completing DPS prescreening.

The screenshot shows the 'CURRENT STATUS Investigative Review' dashboard. At the top, there is a blue header with a menu icon and the NIH logo. Below the header, the title 'CURRENT STATUS Investigative Review' is displayed, followed by 'Last Updated Tuesday, Jul 14, 2026'. The main section is titled 'CASE HISTORY' and contains six items, each with a status icon, a date, and a description:

- IN-PROGRESS** Jul 14, 2026: Waiting on Applicant to submit requested corrections to the federal background investigation forms.
- IN-PROGRESS** Jul 14, 2026: DPS is reviewing federal background investigation forms and will notify the Applicant if further information is required.
- IN-PROGRESS** Jul 14, 2026: Awaiting Applicant's fingerprint submission and/or enrollment. Please contact DPS Help Desk if assistance is needed with scheduling a fingerprint appointment.
- COMPLETE** Jul 14, 2026: Waiting for Applicant to submit federal background investigation forms.
- COMPLETE** Jul 14, 2026: Instructions for completing the required federal background investigation were sent to the Applicant via email.
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Once the final review is completed and your case is submitted to the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA), the DPS Status Portal will display your current status as "Complete."

Once your investigation is officially closed and finalized by DCSA and NIH, the DPS Status Portal will display your current status as "Unavailable", since you no longer have an active background investigation or badge request to track.

The DPS Status Portal reflects the Office of Research Services' ongoing commitment to offering a background investigation that is more transparent and less stressful for our staff.

For questions about the DPS Status Portal, contact the DPS help desk at 301-402-9755 or orspersonnelsecurity@mail.nih.gov.