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International checks vary widely. EU and Commonwealth countries often return results within 2 to 6 weeks. Some countries - particularly in Africa, the Middle East or South Asia - can take 6 to 12 weeks or require the applicant to attend in person.