

Other Remedies for Criminal Records

If your record is not yet eligible to be expunged or sealed, you may want to look into obtaining a "Certificate of Rehabilitation". These certificates include (1) Certificate of Good Conduct and (2) Certificate of Relief From Disabilities. The Certificates do not remove any offense from your record. Both certificates limit the civil and criminal liability of an employer who wishes to hire you. The Certificate of Relief from Disabilities may allow you to obtain a license for certain professions in spite of having a criminal history.

If you are interested in entering or remaining in the healthcare field, you may wish to look into the Health Care Worker's Waiver. This waiver is issued by the Illinois Department of Public Health and, if granted, may allow you to practice in your profession in spite of having a criminal history.

If your record does not qualify for expungement or seal, you may wish to look into Executive Clemency and Expungement - a Pardon from the Governor. This is an entirely different process from standard expungement. You will need to submit a petition to the Illinois Prisoner Review Board, who will then make a recommendation to the Governor. If the Governor agrees, you will need to go through the expungement process. Getting the pardon does not mean you will automatically be granted an expungement.

Qualifications for Certificates of Rehabilitation:

"Eligible Offender" - to be eligible for the Certificate(s) of Rehabilitation you must not have been convicted of:

Any offense or attempted offense that would subject you to register under the Sex Offender Registration Act, or the Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act, the Arsonists Registration Act.

To be an Eligible Offender, you cannot have been convicted of committing or attempting to commit a Class X felony, aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol, other drug or drugs or intoxicating compound or compounds, or any combination, aggravated domestic battery or a forcible felony.

"Forcible Felony" means, 1st degree murder, 2nd degree murder, aggravated arson, arson, aggravated kidnapping, kidnapping, aggravated battery that resulted in great bodily harm or permanent disability and any other felony which involved the use of physical force or violence against any individual that resulted in great bodily harm or permanent disability.

You may petition for the Certificate(s) of Rehabilitation even if you have more than one felony conviction (except those listed above). The time frames are:

For Misdemeanor Convictions - one year of Good Conduct (no convictions since the end of the most recent case). For Felony Convictions - two years of Good Conduct (no convictions since the end of the most recent case)

Health Care Workers Waiver

The Health Care Workers Waivers are administered by the Illinois Department of Public Health, and don't have any statutes that apply. Below are links and forms that will assist you in seeking a Health Care Workers Waiver.

[Facts About Health Care Worker Waiver Application](#)

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Cook County Certificates of Rehabilitation:

[Form CCCR0713](#) Petition for a Certificate of Good Conduct or to Enlarge the Relief Previously Granted in a Certificate of Good Conduct

[Form CCCR0510](#) Petition for a Certificate of Relief from Disabilities or to Enlarge the Relief Previously Granted in a Certificate of Relief from Disabilities

[Form CCCR0511](#) Order for Investigation of an Applicant by the Cook County Adult Probation Department for a Certificate of Relief from Disabilities

Non-Cook County Certificates of Rehabilitation

Petition for a Certificate of Good Conduct or to Enlarge the Relief Previously Granted in a Certificate of Good Conduct

Petition for a Certificate of Relief from Disabilities or to Enlarge the

Order for Investigation of an Applicant by the Cook County Adult Probation Department for a Certificate of Relief from Disabilities

Executive Clemency

Prisoner Review Board - [Guidelines for Executive Clemency](#)