

# Clean Slate Pilot Program



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The Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity, Workforce Development (LEO-WD) has implemented the Clean Slate Pilot (CSP) Program to assist Returning Citizens in removing some convictions from their criminal record, also known as expungement, to help them get full-time and self-sufficient employment.

This program is administered locally through Michigan Works! Agencies.

## Who and what is eligible?

- Individuals with no more than three felonies and an unlimited number of misdemeanors, with certain conditions:
  - No more than two assaultive crimes.
  - No more than one felony conviction for the same offense if the offense is punishable by more than 10 years imprisonment.
- Individuals who remain free of conviction after their last sentencing, probation, release, or parole:
  - Three years for misdemeanors.
  - Five years for serious misdemeanors or one felony.
  - Seven years for multiple felonies.
- Most traffic offenses will be eligible for expungement. Traffic offenses that cannot be expunged include:
  - Driving while intoxicated.
  - Traffic offenses that cause injury or death.
  - Commercial Driver License violations.
- Misdemeanor marijuana possession and use that would not have been considered crimes after recreational marijuana was legalized in Michigan. Judges must grant expungements if prosecutors do not object.
- Multiple felonies or misdemeanors arising from the same 24-hour period as one conviction for the purposes of expungement.
- None of the offenses can be assaultive involving the use or possession of a dangerous weapon.
- None of the offenses can carry a maximum penalty of 10 or more years in prison.

## Who and what is NOT eligible?

Convictions that cannot be expunged from a criminal record include:

- Felonies that carry a maximum punishment of life in prison.
- Attempt to commit a felony for which the maximum punishment is life.
- Felony domestic violence (if the person had a previous domestic violence misdemeanor).
- Child abuse.
- Most criminal sexual conduct offenses.
- DUIs, and traffic offenses causing injury or death.

## How does the program benefit Michiganders?

Setting aside a conviction (sometimes called expungement of criminal records) will remove a specific conviction from a public criminal record.

If returning citizens get an order setting aside their conviction, they can legally state on any job or school application that they have never been convicted of or arrested for that crime.

They will also be able to state on any applications for public benefits, housing, or employment that they have not been convicted of that crime.

## Where can you learn more about the CSP Program?

All Michigan Works! Agencies have local CSP Programs in place. For more information, please visit [MichiganWorks.org](https://www.michiganworks.org) or call 800-285-WORKS (9675).