

## **Criminal Record Sealing Information**

In response to legislation enacted by the Virginia General Assembly, criminal record sealing became effective on **July 1, 2026**. Certain criminal and traffic records may be eligible for automatic sealing or petition-based sealing, depending on the applicable law and individual circumstances.

Individuals seeking petition-based sealing must use the forms prescribed by the [Supreme Court of Virginia](#). Only the official forms approved by the Supreme Court of Virginia will be accepted for filing.

For additional information regarding eligibility requirements, frequently asked questions, and educational resources, please visit the [Virginia State Crime Commission](#) website.

For official petition forms and instructions, please visit the [Supreme Court of Virginia](#) website.

### **Resources:**

- Virginia State Crime Commission – Criminal Record Sealing Resources: <https://vscc.virginia.gov/sealing.asp>
- Supreme Court of Virginia – Criminal Sealing Forms: <https://www.vacourts.gov/forms/circuit/cspm.html>

**Disclaimer:** The Clerk's Office cannot determine eligibility for record sealing, assist in completing forms, or provide legal advice.