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CERTIFICATE OF RELIEF FROM DISABILITIES

730 ILCS 5/5-5.5-5 et. seq.

**WHEN DO I QUALIFY TO RECEIVE
A CERTIFICATE OF RELIEF FROM DISABILITIES?**

Immediately if you were not incarcerated.

OR

After you are released from the Department of Corrections institution.

AND

You meet all of the following criteria:

- There is no direct relationship between the criminal offense(s) you committed and the license sought.
- The issuance of the license would not involve an unreasonable risk to property or the safety of the public.
- No more than two felony convictions on your record;
- No conviction for a crime of violence under the Crime Victims Compensation Act, including: First or second degree murder, involuntary manslaughter and reckless homicide, kidnapping, aggravated kidnapping, sexual relations within families, exploitation of a child, child pornography, assault, aggravated assault, battery, domestic battery, aggravated domestic battery, aggravated battery, heinous battery, aggravated battery with a firearm, aggravated battery of a child, reckless conduct, stalking, aggravated stalking, criminal sexual assault, aggravated criminal sexual assault, predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, criminal sexual abuse, aggravated criminal sexual abuse, violation of an order of protection, arson, aggravated arson, driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotic drugs, etc.
- No conviction for a Class X or a non-probationable offense; and
- No conviction under Article 11 or Article 12 of the Criminal Code of 1961, including: Indecent solicitation of a child or adult, adultery, fornication, public indecency, sexual exploitation of a child, custodial sexual misconduct, presence within school zone by child sex offenders, approaching contacting residing or communicating with a child within certain places by child sex offenders, sexual relations within families, bigamy, marrying a bigamist, prostitution, solicitation of a sexual act, soliciting for a prostitute, soliciting for a juvenile prostitute, pandering, keeping a place of prostitution, patronizing a prostitute, patronizing a juvenile prostitute, pimping, juvenile pimping, exploitation of a child, obscenity, child pornography, commercial film and photographic print processor reports, harmful material, tie-in sales of obscene publications to distributors, posting of identifying information on a pornographic Internet site, assault, aggravated assault, vehicular endangerment, battery, battery of an unborn child, domestic battery, aggravated domestic battery, aggravated battery, heinous battery, aggravated battery with a firearm, aggravated battery with a machinegun, aggravated battery of a child, aggravated battery of an unborn child, tampering with food drugs or cosmetics, aggravated battery of a senior citizen, drug induced infliction of great bodily harm, infected domestic animals, drug induced infliction of aggravated battery to a child athlete, reckless conduct, criminal housing management, common carriers gross neglect, intimidation, compelling organization membership of persons, aggravated intimidation, interfering with the reporting of domestic violence, compelling confession or information by threat or force, hate crime, educational intimidation, stalking, aggravated stalking, cyber stalking, threatening public officials, tattooing or piercing the body of a minor, home invasion, vehicular invasion, criminal sexual assault, aggravated criminal sexual assault, predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, criminal sexual abuse, aggravated criminal sexual abuse, criminal transmission of HIV, abuse and gross neglect of a long term care facility resident, sale of body parts, criminal abuse or neglect of an elderly or disabled person, child abandonment, endangering the life or health of a child, violation of an order of protection, inducement to commit suicide, ritual mutilation, ritualized abuse of a child, female genital mutilation, sexual conduct or contact with an animal.

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WHAT LICENSES CAN I APPLY FOR OR RENEW WITH A CERTIFICATE OF RELIEF FROM DISABILITIES?

- The Animal Welfare Act – Animal Welfare Inspector; except that a certificate of relief from disabilities may not be granted to provide for the issuance or restoration of a license under the Animal Welfare Act for any person convicted of violating Section 3 (Owner’s Duties), 3.01 (Cruel Treatment), 3.02 (Aggravated Cruelty), 3.03 (Animal Torture), 3.03-1 (Depiction of Animal Cruelty), or 4.01 (Animals in Entertainment) of the Humane Care for Animals Act (510 ILCS 70/3, 510 ILCS 70/3.01, 510 ILCS 70/3.02, 510 ILCS 70/3.03, 510 ILCS 70/3.03-1, or 510 ILCS 70/4.01) or Section 26-5 of the Criminal Code of 1961 (Dog Fighting) (720 ILCS 5/26-5);
- The Illinois Athletic Trainers Practice Act – Athletic Trainer (225 ILCS 5/1 *et seq.*);
- The Barber, Cosmetology, Esthetics, and Nail Technology Act of 1985 (225 ILCS 410/1-1 *et seq.*);
- The Boiler and Pressure Vessel Repairer Regulation Act – Boiler & Pressure Vessel Repairperson (225 ILCS 203/1 *et seq.*);
- The Professional Boxing Act – Professional Boxer (225 ILCS 105/1 *et seq.*);
- The Illinois Certified Shorthand Reporters Act of 1984 – Certified Shorthand Reporter (225 ILCS 415/1 *et seq.*);
- The Illinois Farm Labor Contractor Certification Act – Farm Laborer Contractor (225 ILCS 505/1 *et seq.*);
- The Interior Design Title Act – Interior Designer (225 ILCS 310/1 *et seq.*);
- The Illinois Professional Land Surveyor Act of 1989 – Land Surveyor (225 ILCS 330/1 *et seq.*);
- The Illinois Landscape Architecture Act of 1989 – Landscape Architect (225 ILCS 315/1 *et seq.*);
- The Marriage and Family Therapy Licensing Act – Marriage & Family Therapist (225 ILCS 55/1 *et seq.*);
- The Private Employment Agency Act – Counselor for an Employment Agency (225 ILCS 515/0.01 *et seq.*);
- The Professional Counselor and Clinical Professional Counselor Licensing Act -- Counselor (225 ILCS 107/1 *et seq.*);
- The Real Estate License Act of 2000 – Real Estate Agent (225 ILCS 454/1-1 *et seq.*);
- The Illinois Roofing Industry Licensing Act -- Roofer (225 ILCS 335/1 *et seq.*);
- Professional Engineering Practice Act – Engineer (225 ILCS 325/1 *et seq.*);
- Water Well and Pump Installation Contractors License Act – Installer (225 ILCS 345/1 *et seq.*); and
- Electrologist Licensing Act (225 ILCS 412/1 *et seq.*).
- The Auction License Act (225 ILCS 407/5-1 *et seq.*);
- Illinois Architecture Practice Act of 1989 (225 ILCS 305-1 *et seq.*);
- The Dietetic and Nutrition Services Practice Act (225 ILCS 30/1 *et seq.*);
- The Environmental Health Practitioner Licensing Act (225 ILCS 37/1 *et seq.*);
- The Funeral Directors and Embalmers Licensing Code (225 ILCS 41/1-1 *et seq.*);
- The Land Sales Registration Act of 1999 (765 ILCS 86/1-1 *et seq.*);
- The Professional Geologist Licensing Act (225 ILCS 745/1 *et seq.*);
- The Illinois Public Accounting Act (225 ILCS 450/0.01 *et seq.*); and
- The Structural Engineering Practice Act of 1989 (225 ILCS 340/1 *et seq.*).

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WHEN DO I NOT QUALIFY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF RELIEF FROM DISABILITIES?

If any of the following apply:

- There is a direct relationship between the criminal offense(s) you committed and the license sought,
- The issuance of the license would involve an unreasonable risk to property or the safety of the public,
- You have more than two felony convictions on your record, as defined by 730 ILCS 5/5-5.5-5.
- You were convicted of a crime of violence under the Crime Victim's Compensation Act,
- You were convicted of a Class X or non-probationable offense, or
- You were convicted under Article 11 or Article 12 of the Criminal Code of 1961
- You are applying for a license under the Animal Welfare Act and you were convicted of violating Section 3 (Owner's Duties), 3.01 (Cruel Treatment), 3.02 (Aggravated Cruelty), 3.03 (Animal Torture), 3.03-1 (Depiction of Animal Cruelty), or 4.01 (Animals in Entertainment) of the Humane Care for Animals Act (510 ILCS 70/3, 510 ILCS 70/3.01, 510 ILCS 70/3.02, 510 ILCS 70/3.03, 510 ILCS 70/3.03-1, or 510 ILCS 70/4.01) or Section 26-5 of the Criminal Code of 1961 (Dog Fighting) (720 ILCS 5/26-5), suicide, ritual mutilation, ritualized abuse of a child, female genital mutilation, sexual conduct or contact with an animal.

Application forms for Certificates of Relief from Disabilities may be obtained from the Prisoner Review Board (online applications available at www.state.il.us/prb), 319 E. Madison Street, Suite A, Springfield, IL 62701, 217-782-7273, or from any Cook County adult probation office, 312-491-5517.

If you were not incarcerated, you may petition the Circuit Court for a Certificate of Relief from Disabilities. If you were incarcerated or your conviction was in another state, you may petition the Prisoner Review Board for a Certificate of Relief from Disabilities.

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