

# OHIO CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT (CQE)

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Certificate of Qualification for Employment: An Overview

In 2012, the Certificate of Qualification for Employment (CQE) was created by the passage of House Bill 86 and Senate Bill 337 under the Ohio Revised Code Section 2953.25. The Department of Rehabilitation was charged with adopting rules in accordance with this chapter for the implementation and administration of this process.

In February 2017, the processing of CQE applications was moved from the Justice Reinvestment Officers (JROs) to the Office of Reentry. There is one Reentry Administrator who processes all CQE applications statewide. Information regarding the CQE process may be found at: [www.drccqe.com](http://www.drccqe.com)

Changes to the CQE process were made in the budget bill House Bill 49 which became effective On September 29, 2017. ODRC was tasked with promulgating the rules to allow under certain circumstances earlier timeframes to apply for the CQE which are located within the Ohio Administrative Code Section 5120-15-01.

Under OAC 5120-15-01 criteria, the petitioner may apply earlier than one year after release from all sanctions including incarceration or any term of supervision from a felony conviction or six months after release from all sanctions from a misdemeanor conviction including incarceration or a term of supervision if:

- The individual has been released from prison and received a certificate of achievement and employability under section 2961.22 of the Revised Code,
- The individual received ninety days of credit toward satisfaction of the person's stated prison term or a ten percent reduction of the person's term under division (A)(2) of section 2967.193 of the Revised Code, or
- The individual has been released from incarceration in a local facility, upon recommendation of the sheriff or designee,
- If the individual receives early termination of community control, has complied with all special conditions, and has no outstanding fines or restitution.

If the individual does not meet the above criteria then he/she must meet the original filing timeframe for a felony conviction (after one year) or for a misdemeanor conviction six months after release from all sanctions, (incarceration or supervision).

**Certificate of Qualification for Employment (CQE) Summary Data  
December 31, 2017**

<b>Petition Status</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Petition Status Key</b>
Petition in Process	2012	Petitioner registered in system; Petition has not been submitted
DRC Information Needed	0	Petition sent back to petitioner for additional information
Petition Cancelled	140	Petition cancelled by petitioner; duplicate petitions likely cause
Ineligible to Apply at this Time	109	Petition submitted; determined by DRC staff that the petitioner is ineligible to file due to time constraints from last conviction/supervision period
Petition in DRC Review	16	Petition submitted and is awaiting review by DRC staff
Petition in Common Pleas Court Review	1721	Petition submitted and reviewed by DRC staff; submitted to the Court for review (does not indicate if a petitioner has actually filed with the Court)
Petition Denied	204	The Court has ruled on the petition and denied the CQE; Petition Process Complete
Petition Approved	895	The Court has ruled on the petition and approved the CQE; Petition process complete
<b>Total</b>	<b>5097</b>	

CQE Summary Data by County  
As of December 31, 2017\*

<b>County Breakdown*</b>	<b>Petitions</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Denied</b>	<b>In DRC Review</b>	<b>In Court Review</b>	<b>In Progress (Not Submitted)</b>	<b>Other Status</b>
Adams	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Allen	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Ashland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ashtabula	4	1	0	0	3	0	0
Athens	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Auglaize	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Belmont	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brown	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Butler	10	3	0	0	0	6	1
Carroll	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Champaign	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clark	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Clermont	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
Clinton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Columbiana	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Coshocton	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Crawford	2	0	0	0	2	0	0
Cuyahoga	174	31	11	0	41	82	9
Darke	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Defiance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Delaware	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Erie	3	0	0	0	0	3	0
Fairfield	5	0	0	0	0	5	0
Fayette	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Franklin	83	24	9	0	14	32	4
Fulton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gallia	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Geauga	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Greene	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Guernsey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hamilton	126	36	5	0	25	57	3
Hancock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hardin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harrison	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Henry	2	0	0	0	1	1	0
Highland	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
Hocking	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Holmes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Huron	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jackson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jefferson	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Knox	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lake	7	2	0	0	0	4	1
Lawrence	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Licking	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Logan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Lorain	11	4	0	0	2	3	2

Lucas	20	4	0	0	8	8	0
Madison	4	0	0	0	1	2	1
Mahoning	52	18	4	0	18	9	3
Marion	5	0	0	0	2	3	0
Medina	7	2	0	0	2	3	0
Meigs	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Mercer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miami	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monroe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montgomery	29	2	2	0	7	15	3
Morgan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morrow	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Muskingum	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Noble	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ottawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Out of State</b>	10	0	0	0	1	2	7
Paulding	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Perry	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Pickaway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pike	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Portage	7	0	0	0	5	2	0
Preble	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Putnam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Richland	5	0	0	0	2	3	0
Ross	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Sandusky	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scioto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seneca	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Shelby	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stark	39	15	1	0	10	13	0
Summit	292	36	5	0	174	67	10
Trumbull	12	0	0	0	9	3	0
Tuscarawas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Union	3	0	0	0	2	0	1
Van Wert	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vinton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warren	4	1	0	0	0	3	0
Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wayne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Williams	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wyandot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>County Total</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>53</b>

\*Highlighted counties had no CQE applications in the system

2017 CQEs Requested by Occupation Type and Licensing Board\*

General Employment	License	Licensing Board

	<b>Athletic/Coach/Education</b>	<b>OHSAA/OBOE</b>
	<b>Barber</b>	<b>Barber Board</b>
	<b>Bus Driver</b>	<b>Department of Education</b>
	<b>Child Care Provider</b>	<b>Department of Job and Family Services</b>
	<b>Construction</b>	<b>Department of Commerce</b>
	<b>Counselor/Therapist</b>	<b>Social Worker, Marriage Family Counselor Board</b>
	<b>Funeral Director</b>	<b>Embalmers and Funeral Directors</b>
	<b>Home Healthcare Aide</b>	<b>Medical Board</b>
	<b>Insurance Agent</b>	<b>Department of Insurance</b>
	<b>LPN</b>	<b>Board of Nursing</b>
	<b>Massage Therapist</b>	<b>Medical Board</b>
	<b>Mechanic/Construction</b>	<b>Department of Commerce</b>
	<b>Medical Scientist</b>	<b>Medical Board</b>
	<b>RN</b>	<b>Board of Nursing</b>
	<b>Pharmacist</b>	<b>Medical Board</b>
	<b>Phlebotomy</b>	<b>American Society of Clinical/Medical Board</b>
	<b>Plumber</b>	<b>Department of Commerce</b>
	<b>Private Security</b>	<b>Department of Commerce</b>
	<b>Real Estate Broker</b>	<b>Department of Commerce/Real Estate Division</b>
	<b>Registered Occupational Therapist</b>	<b>Occupational Therapy Board</b>
	<b>Social Worker</b>	<b>Counseling, Marriage, Family Worker Board</b>
	<b>STNA</b>	<b>Board of Nursing</b>
	<b>Substance Abuse Counselor</b>	<b>Department of Health</b>
	<b>Substitute Teacher</b>	<b>Department of Education</b>
	<b>Table Dealer</b>	<b>Casino Control Commission</b>
	<b>Veterinarian</b>	<b>State Medical Board</b>

\*\*\*May or may not be the licensing board/agency that regulates licensure (as the petitioner indicates on indicates the Board on their CQE applications that may regulate licensure\*\*\*

### 2017 CQE Feasibility Questionnaire

<b>CQE FEASIBILITY QUESTIONS</b>						<b>TOTAL RESPONSES</b>
How many	0-2 convictions	3-5 convictions	More than 5			

convictions did you identify for this petitioner?			convictions			
Misdemeanors	54%	48%	25%			227
Felonies	80%	13%	7%			223
How many hours did your court spend on the initial investigation?	Under 3 hours	3.0-5.0 hours	More than 5.0 hours			
	92%	6%	2%			216
How much money did the Court spend (excluding staff time/expense) for this investigation?	None	Less than \$25	\$25-\$100	\$101-\$250	More than \$250	
	52%	8%	40%	0%	0%	215
Did the Court order additional investigations for this petition?	Yes*	No				
	30%	70%				216
*If Yes, who collected the information?	Clerk's Office	Probation Dept.	Court Admin	Other		
	0	69%	3%	28%		65
*How much time did they spend?	Under 3.0 hours	3.0-5.0 hours	More than 5.0 hours			
	35%	0%	65%			65
What was the total amount of fees and court costs assessed to the petitioner?	Less than \$50	\$50-\$100	\$101-\$150	\$151-\$200	\$201-\$250	
	40%	45%	11%	1%	1%	
	\$251-\$350	\$351-\$450	More than \$450			
	2%	0%	0%			