

CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT (CQE)

WHAT IS A CQE?

- The CQE is a certificate for which an individual who is subject to a civil impact (prior criminal conviction) may obtain an order of limited relief from a common pleas court that will provide relief from certain bars to employment or licensing in the State of Ohio.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR A CQE?

- You must have been convicted in Ohio.
- You must be an Ohio resident.
- If seeking relief from a Felony conviction, the petition can be filed one year after release from incarceration and all periods of supervision.
- If seeking relief from a Misdemeanor conviction, the petition can be filed six months after release from incarceration and all periods of supervision.
- If you were not incarcerated, the petition can be filed six months from the date of the individual's final release from all court sanctions imposed.
- If you were incarcerated, but sentenced for example to community control, the petition can be filed one year from the date of the individual's final release from all sanctions imposed.

WHO ISSUES THE CQE?

The decision to issue a CQE is determined by the Court of Common Pleas in the county where the petitioner currently resides.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A CQE?

The instructions on completing the CQE petition, and other valuable information can be found by visiting www.drccqe.com

For more information regarding the CQE send your inquiries to:
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