

My Record & My Rights

Virginia expanded expungement eligibility in 2021 and 2025. Many more people qualify now than before.

Know What's On Your Record

Pull your own record: Virginia State Police — vsp.virginia.gov (Central Criminal Records Exchange). Free for your own record. Check what employers and landlords are seeing.

Charge / Conviction	Date	Court	Sentence / Status	Expungeable?

Expungement — Getting Your Record Cleared

- Check eligibility: vadcourts.gov has an eligibility tool. CVLAS (800-868-1012) can tell you for FREE.
- File a petition at the circuit court where the conviction occurred. Filing fee can be waived for low income.
- Expungement seals the record from most employers, landlords, and the public.
- It does NOT seal from law enforcement or courts. It DOES let you legally say 'I have not been convicted' in most contexts.

My Rights

Voting	Virginia restores voting rights automatically after sentence. Re-register at vote.gov .
Employment	Virginia ban the box for state government jobs. Employers cannot ask about criminal history on initial applications.
Housing	Federal law restricts some offenses from public housing — but most do not automatically disqualify you. Ask directly.
Firearm rights	Can be applied for separately after other rights restored. vadoc.virginia.gov/reentry .