

82019.1 Criminal Record Exemption

(a)

While the Department considers granting or denying an exemption, the Department shall notify a licensee to act immediately to remove from the day program or bar from entering the day program any of the following persons: (1) A person who has been convicted of, or is awaiting trial for, a sex offense against a minor; (2) A person who has been convicted of a felony; (3) A person who has been convicted of an offense specified in Sections 243.4, 273a, 273d, 273g, or 368 of the Penal Code or any other crime specified in Health and Safety Code Section 1522(c)(3); (4) A person who has been convicted of any crime specified below: (A) Battery (B) Shooting at Inhabited Dwelling (C) Corporal Injury on Spouse/Cohabitant (D) Discharging Firearm with Gross Negligence (E) Exhibiting Weapon/Firearm (F) Threat to Commit a Crime Resulting in Gross Bodily Injury or Death (G) Criminal Threat to Harm or Injure Another Person (H) Cruelty to Animals (I) Willful Harm or Injury to Child; or (5) Any other person ordered to be removed by the Department.

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Shooting at Inhabited Dwelling

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Corporal Injury on Spouse/Cohabitant

(D)

Discharging Firearm with Gross Negligence

(E)

Exhibiting Weapon/Firearm

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Threat to Commit a Crime Resulting in Gross Bodily Injury or Death

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Any other person ordered to be removed by the Department.

(b)

In addition to the requirements of Section 82019.1(a), the licensee must return the confirmation of removal form that is sent by the Department, within five (5) days of the date of the form, that confirms under penalty of perjury that the individual has been removed from the day program. (1) Confirmation must be made on either a Removal Confirmation -- Exemption Needed, LIC 300A, Removal Confirmation -- Denial, LIC 300B, Removal Confirmation -- Rescinded, LIC 300C, or Removal Confirmation -- Nonexemptible, LIC 300D.

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(c)

After a review of the criminal record transcript, the Department may grant an exemption if: (1) The applicant/licensee requests an exemption in writing for himself or herself; or (2) The applicant/licensee requests an exemption in writing for an individual associated with the day program; or (3) The applicant/licensee chooses not to seek an exemption on the affected individual's behalf, however the affected individual requests an individual exemption in writing; and (4) The affected individual presents substantial and convincing evidence satisfactory to the Department that he/she has been rehabilitated and presently is of such good

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(d)

To request a criminal record exemption, a licensee or license applicant must submit information that indicates that the individual meets the requirements of Section 82019.1(c)(4). The Department shall notify the licensee or license applicant and the affected individual, in concurrent, separate notices, that the affected individual has a criminal conviction and needs to obtain a criminal record exemption. (1) The notice to the affected individual shall include a list of the conviction(s) that the Department is aware of at the time the notice is sent that must be addressed in an exemption request. (2) The notice shall list the information that must be submitted to request a criminal record exemption. (3)

The information must be submitted within forty-five (45) calendar days of the date of the Department's notice. (A) Individuals who submit a criminal record exemption request shall cooperate with the Department by providing any information requested by the Department including, but not limited to, certified court documents to process the exemption request, pursuant to Section 82019.1(e). (B) If the individual for whom the criminal record exemption is requested is an employee or resident other than a spouse or a dependent family member and the licensee or license applicant does not submit the information listed in the Department's written notice within 45 calendar days of the date of the notice, the Department may cease processing the exemption request and close the case. (C) If the individual for whom the criminal record exemption is requested is an applicant, licensee, spouse or dependent family member and the licensee or license applicant does not submit the information listed in the Department's written notice within 45 calendar days of the date of the notice, the Department may deny the exemption request. (D) Individuals may request a criminal record exemption on their own behalf if the licensee or license applicant;

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(e)

The Department shall consider factors including, but not limited, to the following as evidence of good character and rehabilitation: (1) The nature of the crime including, but not limited to, whether it involved violence or a threat of violence to others. (2) Period of time since the crime was committed and number of offenses. (3) Circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime that would demonstrate the unlikelihood of repetition. (4) Activities since conviction, including employment, or participation in therapy or education, that would indicate changed

behavior. (5) Granting by the Governor of a full and unconditional pardon. (6) Character references. (A) All character references shall be on a Reference Request form (LIC 301E). (7) A certificate of rehabilitation from a superior court. (8) Evidence of honesty and truthfulness as revealed in exemption application documents. (A) Documents include, but are not limited to: 1. A Criminal Record Statement (LIC 508) and 2. The individual's written statement/explanation of the conviction and the circumstances about the arrest. (9) Evidence of honesty and truthfulness as revealed in exemption application interviews and conversations with the Department.

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The Department shall also consider the following factors in evaluating a request for an exemption: (1) Facility and type of association. (2) The individual's age at the time the crime was committed.

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(g)

The Department may deny an exemption request if: (1) The licensee and/or the affected individual fails to provide documents requested by the Department, or (2) The licensee and/or the affected individual fails to cooperate with the Department in the exemption process.

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(h)

The reasons for any exemption granted or denied shall be in writing and kept by the Department. (1) Exemption denial notices shall specify the reason the exemption was denied.

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(i)

The Department has the authority to grant a criminal record exemption that places conditions on the individual's continued licensure, and employment or presence in a licensed day program.

(j)

It shall be conclusive evidence that the individual is not of such good character as to justify issuance of an exemption if the individual: (1) Makes a knowingly false or

misleading statement regarding: (A) Material relevant to their application for a criminal record clearance or exemption, (B) His or her criminal record clearance or exemption status to obtain employment or permission to be present in a licensed facility, after the Department has ordered that he or she be excluded from any or all licensed facilities, or (C) His or her criminal record clearance or exemption status in order to obtain a position with duties that are prohibited to him/her by a conditional exemption; or (2) Is on probation or parole. (A) If the individual is currently on probation, and provides sufficient proof that the probationary period(s) is informal, unsupervised and no probation officer is assigned, the Department may, in its discretion, grant a criminal record exemption notwithstanding Section 82019.1(j)(2).

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The Department shall consider granting a criminal record exemption if the individual's criminal history meets all of the applicable criteria specified in Sections 82019.1(k)(1) through (6) and the individual provides the Department with substantial and convincing evidence of good character as specified in Section 82019.1(c)(4). For purposes of this section, a violent crime is a crime that, upon evaluation of the code section violated or the reports regarding the underlying offense, presents a risk of harm or violence. (1) The individual has been convicted of one nonviolent misdemeanor, and one year has lapsed since completing the most recent period of incarceration or probation. (2) The individual has been convicted of two or more nonviolent misdemeanors and four consecutive years have lapsed since completing the most recent period of incarceration, probation or parole, whichever is latest. (3) The individual has been convicted of one or more violent misdemeanors and 15 consecutive years have lapsed since completing the most recent period of incarceration, probation or parole,

whichever is latest. (4) The individual has been convicted of one nonviolent felony and four consecutive years have lapsed since completing the most recent period of incarceration, probation or parole, whichever is latest. (5) The individual has been convicted of two or more nonviolent felonies and ten consecutive years have lapsed since completing the most recent period of incarceration, probation or parole, whichever is latest. (6) The individual has not been convicted of a violent felony. (7) If the individual is currently on probation, and provides sufficient proof that the probationary period(s) is informal, unsupervised and no probation officer is assigned, the period of lapsed time required in Sections 82019.1(k)(1) through (5) above shall begin from the last date of conviction(s).

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The individual has been convicted of one nonviolent misdemeanor, and one year has lapsed since completing the most recent period of incarceration or probation.

(2)

The individual has been convicted of two or more nonviolent misdemeanors and four consecutive years have lapsed since completing the most recent period of incarceration, probation or parole, whichever is latest.

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The individual has been convicted of one or more violent misdemeanors and 15 consecutive years have lapsed since completing the most recent period of incarceration, probation or parole, whichever is latest.

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It shall be a rebuttable presumption that an individual is not of such good character as to justify the issuance of an exemption if the individual fails to meet the requirements specified in Sections 82019.1(k)(1) through (6).

(m)

The Department shall not grant an exemption if the individual has a conviction for any offense specified in Section 1522(g)(1) of the Health and Safety Code.

(n)

The Department shall consider granting a simplified criminal record exemption only if the individual has the following criminal history profile outlined in Sections 82019.1(n)(1) through (4) below: (1) The individual does not have a demonstrated pattern of criminal activity; (2) The individual has one or more convictions arising from a single incident of criminal conduct; (3) Each conviction is a misdemeanor and is for a crime that is nonviolent and does not pose a risk of harm to an individual; and (4) It has been at least five consecutive years since the date of conviction.

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At the Department's discretion, an individual who is otherwise eligible for a simplified exemption may be required to go through the standard exemption process if the Department determines such action will help to protect the health and safety of clients.

(p)

If the Department denies or cannot grant a criminal record exemption, the Department shall: (1) For initial applicants, deny the application. (2) For current licensees, the Department may institute an administrative action, including, but not limited to, revocation of the license. (3) For current employees, exclude the affected individual pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 1558, deny the application or revoke the license, if the individual continues to provide services and/or reside at the day program. (4) For individuals residing in the day program, including spouses of the applicant, licensee, or employee, exclude the affected individual pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 1558, deny the application or revoke the license, if the individual continues to provide services and/or reside

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(q)

If a request for an exemption has been denied, the individual shall be excluded for a period of two years unless the individual has been convicted of a crime for which no exemption may be granted pursuant to Section 82019.1(m). If a request for an exemption has been denied based on a conviction of a crime for which no exemption may be granted, the individual shall be excluded for the remainder of the individual's life. (1) If the Department determines during the review of an exemption request, that the individual was denied an exemption for a conviction of a crime for which an exemption may be granted within the preceding two years, the Department shall cease any further review of the request until two years have elapsed from the date of the denial. In cases where the individual

requested a hearing on an exemption denial, the Department shall cease review of the request for an exemption until two years from the effective date of the decision and order of the Department upholding the denial. In cases where the individual submitted a petition for reinstatement or reduction in penalty pursuant to Government Code Section 11522 that was denied, the Department shall cease review of the request for an exemption until two years from the effective date of the decision and order of the Department denying the petition. (2) An exclusion order based solely upon a denied exemption shall remain in effect and the individual shall not be employed in or present in a licensed facility unless either a petition or an exemption is granted. (3) If an individual who has previously been denied an exemption reapplies after the relevant time period described in Section 82019.1(q)(1), the Department may, according to the provisions in Sections 82019.1(e) through (l), grant or deny the subsequent request for an exemption. (4) If an individual submits a petition pursuant to Government Code Section 11522 for reinstatement or reduction of penalty for an exclusion, an individual must submit his/her fingerprints through an electronic fingerprinting system approved by the Department and submit to the Department a statement of the reason why the individual should be permitted to work or be present in a day program, along with all information required of an individual requesting a criminal record exemption as provided in Sections 82019.1(c)(4), (d)(1), and (e). If it is determined, based upon information provided by the Department of Justice, that the individual has been convicted of a crime for which no exemption may be granted, the petition shall be denied. An individual's failure to submit fingerprints or other information as requested by the Department, shall be grounds for denial of the petition. The burden shall be on the petitioner to prove sufficient rehabilitation and good character to justify the granting of the petition.

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A licensee or applicant for a license may request a transfer of a criminal record exemption from one state licensed facility to another by providing the following documents to the Department: (1) A signed Criminal Record Exemption Transfer Request (LIC 9188). (2) A copy of the individual's: (A) Driver's license, or (B) Valid identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles, or (C) Valid photo identification issued by another state or the United States Government if the individual is not a California resident. (3) Any other documentation required by the Department (e.g., Criminal Record Statement -- LIC 508 and job description).

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Any other documentation required by the Department (e.g., Criminal Record Statement -- LIC 508 and job description).

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The Department may consider factors including, but not limited to, the following in determining whether or not to approve an exemption transfer: (1) The basis on which the Department granted the exemption; (2) The nature and frequency of client contact in the new position; (3) The category of facility where the individual wishes to transfer; (4) The type of clients in the facility where the individual wishes to transfer; (5) Whether the exemption was appropriately evaluated and granted in accordance with existing exemption laws or regulations; or (6) Whether the exemption meets current exemption laws or regulations.

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If the Department denies the individual's request to transfer a criminal record exemption, the Department shall provide the individual and the licensee with written notification that states the Department's decision and informs the affected individual of their right to an administrative hearing to contest the Department's decision.

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At the Department's discretion, an exemption may be rescinded if it is determined that: (1) The exemption was granted in error, or (2) The exemption does not meet current exemption laws or regulations, or (3) The conviction for which an exemption was granted subsequently becomes nonexemptible by law.

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(v)

The Department may rescind an individual's criminal record exemption if the Department obtains evidence showing that the individual engaged in conduct that is inconsistent with the good character requirement of a criminal record

exemption, as evidenced by factors including, but not limited to, the following: (1) Violations of licensing laws or regulations; (2) Any conduct by the individual that indicates that the individual may pose a risk to the health and safety of any individual who is or may be a client; (3) Nondisclosure of a conviction or evidence of lack of rehabilitation that the individual failed to disclose to the Department, even if it occurred before the exemption was issued; or (4) The individual is convicted of a subsequent crime.

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Nondisclosure of a conviction or evidence of lack of rehabilitation that the individual failed to disclose to the Department, even if it occurred before the exemption was issued; or

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If the Department rescinds an exemption, the Department shall: (1) Notify the licensee and the affected individual in writing; and (2) Initiate an administrative action.

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If the Department learns that an individual with a criminal record clearance or exemption has been convicted of a subsequent crime, the Department, at its sole discretion, may immediately initiate an administrative action to protect the health and safety of clients.