



Guidance for Applicants With Certain Criminal Convictions

Disqualification from Licensure Due to Criminal Conviction of an Offense of Violence or a Sexually Oriented Offense Per R.C. 9.79, 2901.01, and 2950.01

If you have a criminal conviction and would like to apply for a license with the Ohio Speech and Hearing Professionals Board (OSHPB), you may request that the Board determine whether your criminal conviction(s) disqualifies you from licensure. Your request should document the types of criminal convictions as well as include certified copies of court judgment and sentencing entries to the OSHPB for review. The request may also include a personal statement discussing the circumstances of your convictions as well as have rehabilitative steps taken following the conviction(s). Your request should be e-mailed to board@shp.ohio.gov.

Please note that the Board will contact you regarding the fee that will be required to process this request. The OSHPB will respond to your request within thirty (30) days of the date on which you submitted the form and the certified conviction and sentencing court entries.

You are not required to request this determination from the OSHPB prior to applying for a license, and an adverse determination, if you seek one, does not prevent you from applying for a license. Should you apply for a license, and if the OSHPB proposes to deny your application, the Board will send you a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and you will be afforded full due process rights in accordance with R.C. Chapter 119.

Many convictions, such as traffic offenses and minor misdemeanors, will not disqualify an applicant from qualifying for a license. Below is a list of convictions that are disqualifying offenses:

- 2903.01 Aggravated murder.
- 2903.02 Murder.
- 2903.03 Voluntary manslaughter.
- 2903.04 Involuntary manslaughter.
- 2903.11 Felonious assault.
- 2903.12 Aggravated assault.
- 2903.13 Assault.
- 2903.15 Permitting child abuse.
- 2903.21 Aggravated menacing.
- 2903.211 Menacing by stalking.
- 2903.22 Menacing.
- 2905.01 Kidnapping.
- 2905.02 Abduction.
- 2905.11 Extortion.
- 2905.32 Trafficking in persons.
- 2907.02 Rape.
- 2907.03 Sexual battery.

- 2907.04 Unlawful sexual conduct with minor.
- 2907.05 Gross sexual imposition.
- 2907.06 Sexual imposition.
- 2907.07 Importuning.
- 2907.08 Voyeurism.
- 2907.21 Compelling prostitution.
- 2907.22 Promoting prostitution.
- 2907.32 Pandering obscenity.
- 2907.321 Pandering obscenity involving a minor or impaired person.
- 2907.322 Pandering sexually oriented matter involving a minor or impaired person.
- 2907.323 Illegal use of minor or impaired person in nudity-oriented material or performance.
- 2909.02 Aggravated arson.
- 2909.03 Arson.
- 2909.24 Terrorism.
- 2911.01 Aggravated robbery.
- 2911.02 Robbery.
- 2911.11 Aggravated burglary.
- 2911.12 (A)(1)-(3) Burglary.
- 2917.01 Inciting to violence.
- 2917.02 Aggravated riot.
- 2917.03 Riot.
- 2917.31 Inducing panic.
- 2919.25 Domestic violence.
- 2921.03 Intimidation.
- 2921.04 Intimidation of attorney, victim or witness in criminal case or delinquent child action proceeding.
- 2921.34 Escape.
- 2923.161 Improperly discharging firearm at or into a habitation, in a school safety zone or with intent to cause harm or panic to persons in a school building or at a school function.
- 2903.34(A)(1) Patient abuse or neglect.
- 2919.22 (B)(1)-(4) Endangering children.
- 2913.40 Medicaid Fraud
- 2913.43 Tampering with Records
- 2913.47 Insurance Fraud
- Conspiracy, complicity, or attempt to commit any of the above listed offenses.
- A violation of an existing or former municipal ordinance or law of this or any other state or the United States, substantially equivalent to any section, division, or offense listed
- A substantially similar offense committed in another state or jurisdiction
- Any other offense listed in R.C. 2901.01 and 2950.01.