

## Certification of Restoration of Opportunity (CROP)

The Certification of Restoration of Opportunity (CROP), effective June 9, 2016, was created to improve access to employment, housing and stability for individuals, juveniles and adults, with criminal histories.

CROP removes barriers for individuals who have completed their sentences and would like to enter a career path that requires a professional certification or license. If eligible, individuals can now petition the court for a CROP which will allow them access to apply for the necessary certifications or licenses to work in careers where their criminal history prohibits them from working.

### WHO CAN GET A CROP?

#### A person with NO:

- ⇒ Class A felonies
- ⇒ Sex Offenses
- ⇒ Other disqualifying offenses

**With a Waiting Period of:** time passed since sentencing date or release from incarceration

- ⇒ 1 year for misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor with no incarceration
- ⇒ 1.5 years for misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor with jail time
- ⇒ 2 years for class B or C felony
- ⇒ 5 for a violent offense

#### Compliance with all sentencing requirements (LFO's, Restitution, Court Fines):

- ⇒ Is current in payments
- ⇒ Has completely paid off LFO's **or**
- ⇒ Has a good cause to not be making payments

#### No new:

- ⇒ Arrests
- ⇒ Convictions. **or**
- ⇒ Pending charges

### WHERE TO GET A CROP?

#### Must go to a qualified court

- ⇒ Superior Court where applicant resides or
- ⇒ Superior Court where applicant has been sentenced/ adjudicated

### HOW TO GET A CROP

1. File CROP as a new civil action in a qualified court
2. Fill out and submit AOC forms
3. Applicant must gather information to demonstrate eligibility
4. Provide notice to prosecutor in county where filing
5. Court will decide without a hearing
6. Clerk will send CROP to State Patrol



## WHAT WILL A CROP DO?

Occupational Licenses: A person with a CROP may not be denied an occupational license **solely** on the basis of their criminal record (w/ some exceptions)

Employers & housing providers: may decide whether to consider a CROP, but are not legally required to do so

### EXCEPTIONS:

Crop does not apply to some occupations:

- ⇒ Law enforcement
- ⇒ License to practice law
- ⇒ Many licenses involving financial responsibility or fiduciary duty
- ⇒ Many licenses involving work with vulnerable people
- ⇒ Some licenses related to health care

### WHAT A CROP WILL NOT DO:

1. Does not impact abuse and neglect registry
2. Does not restore firearms rights
3. Does not remove any information from a criminal record



### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

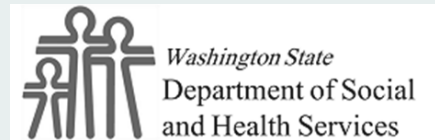
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(206) 287-8625 for appointments

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