

Common Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I already went through the IdentoGO fingerprint process with a previous employer. Do I need to go through the entire process again to get my records?

A: Yes. You must obtain a separate criminal record report, which will be used solely for expungement purposes.

Q: I have a conviction for a non-expungeable offense (for example, robbery) and an indictable offense. Can I expunge?

A: No. The non-expungeable conviction still would count as an indictable conviction. This means that you have *two* indictable convictions and cannot expunge either conviction.

Q: I have convictions for an indictable offense *and* two disorderly persons offenses. Can I expunge both?

A: Yes. As long as the indictable offense is not a non-expungeable offense and you have met the required waiting period, both your indictable conviction and disorderly persons convictions are expungeable in the same application.

Q: Will my out-of-state convictions affect whether I am eligible to expunge my record?

A: Yes. Therefore, you must fully disclose your criminal record in the expungement petition, including out-of-state arrests and convictions.

Q: Can I use my petition to expunge a conviction from another state?

A: No. You may only expunge your arrests and convictions in New Jersey.

Q: Years ago, I expunged two disorderly persons offenses from my record. Can I now expunge another disorderly persons conviction?

A: Yes. You are permitted to expunge up to three disorderly persons convictions from your record. You may do this in one or more petitions for expungement, provided you meet all other statutory requirements.

Q: I need to have my petition notarized. What should I do if I can't find a notary public?

A: Ask around. Someone you already know may be a notary public or may know how to locate one. Attorneys licensed to practice law in the State of New Jersey are also allowed to notarize documents.