



# Expungement Waiting Period

Michigan law requires that you complete a waiting period for a conviction before applying for expungement of that conviction. Your waiting period begins when you are discharged from parole/probation, released from prison/jail, or sentenced - whichever occurs LAST.

## How long is the waiting period?

Different convictions have different waiting periods. In Michigan, waiting periods may be 3, 5, or 7 years.

- Misdemeanors = 3 years
- Serious misdemeanors = 5 years
- Felonies = 5 years
- Multiple felonies = 7 years

## When will my file be reopened?

Our attorneys have calculated your eligibility date and recorded it in our case management system. Our system will alert us 90 days before your eligibility date. We will contact you at that time to start preparing. **If your contact information changes, be sure to email us to let us know.**

## What can I do while I wait?

While you wait, you can prepare for your hearing. This may include gathering letters of support from friends and family, volunteering in your community, and ensuring you do not owe any money to the court.