

Update on Implementation of Sealing Criminal Records

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Modifications to Information Technology Systems

- 45 OES systems and 44 new interfaces
 - Most systems changes already in development prior to the 2025 legislation have been implemented and staged in production for the July 1, 2026 effective date
 - A large amount of systems and user testing is ongoing to discover and troubleshoot any issues
 - Development and quality assurance testing is ongoing for:
 - Fairfax Circuit Court interface
 - Electronic delivery of criminal history records
 - Automatic sealing of former marijuana offenses
 - New circuit court petition sealing processes
 - CCMS changes to facilitate data collection and reporting



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Court Forms

- New court forms are being developed and existing court forms modified to implement criminal sealing procedures
- Timeline:
 - Work on drafting and reviewing court forms will occur through Spring 2026
 - Proposed final forms will be presented to the Judicial Council of Virginia and the Committee on District Courts for approval in May 2026
 - Approved final forms will be programmed and made available on the court system's website by July 1, 2026
- Additional resources, such as instructions and informational materials, will be developed for the public



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Training

- **Judges**

- 2025 and 2026 Judicial Conference of Virginia and Judicial Conference of Virginia for District Courts

- **Clerks of Court**

- District Court Clerks' Association, Spring 2025 Conference
- Virginia Courts Clerks' Association Conference, July 2025
- Additional presentations, webinars, Q&A sessions and educational materials will be presented prior to July 1, 2026 implementation



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