

DMV Conviction Record Sealing Implementation Update – August 2025

Background and DMV Responsibilities:

- Va. Code § 19.2-392.17 (enacted in 2021) requires DMV to seal any traffic conviction records after 11 years
- Va. Code § 19.2-392.6:1 (enacted in 2025) requires DMV to seal conviction records relating to Va. Code §18.2-250.1 (Marijuana-related)
- Exceptions apply if the retention of the conviction record is required by Federal Guidelines for Commercial Driver's License holders
- DMV and VSP are collaborating to create a system to share conviction record data; it will let DMV confirm whether a record is eligible to be sealed, not eligible to be sealed (due to federal requirements) or not found.

Work Completed to Date:

- Managed File Transfer connection with VSP has been established and initial soft testing has been completed
- DMV is building the internal system to allow it to receive VSP conviction records data for sealing, confirm sealing is allowed, and notate and report to VSP those records that cannot be sealed

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Remaining Work:

- Continue coordination with VSP to align our processes and conduct system-to-system testing
- Complete internal IT modifications for handling sealing of conviction records including exclusions under federal law

Status/Timeliness:

- DMV progress is on track for July 1, 2026 implementation
- Internal preparations are advancing as planned and external coordination is continuing