

**2025 CONVICTION RECORD GUIDELINES
FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

CATEGORY 1	Minor Infractions i.e., Bad Checks, Municipal Ordinances, DWLSR		
Number of Convictions	Time Elapsed Since Last Conviction	Staff May Clear	Application to Board/Council
One or more conviction(s)	No time factor	Yes	No
CATEGORY 2	Misdemeanors / DUI Except those listed under Sections 456.072(1)(ii) and (1)(ll), F.S. (2023), which must be referred to the Board Chair for review. (See note 4 below). i.e., Drug Possession, Petit Theft, Disorderly Conduct		
Number of Convictions	Time Elapsed Since Last Conviction	Staff May Clear	Application to Board/Council
One conviction	No time factor	Yes	No
More than one conviction	Less than 3 years	No	Yes
	More than 3 years	Yes	No
CATEGORY 3	Misdemeanors Related to Person Crimes i.e., Domestic Violence, Battery, Assault		
Number of Convictions	Time Elapsed Since Last Conviction	Staff May Clear	Application to Board/Council
One or more conviction	Less than 5 years	No	Yes
	More than 5 years	Yes	No
CATEGORY 4	Felony Offenses Other felonies not listed in category 5. i.e., Grand Theft, Larceny, DWLS habitual, Perjury, Crimes with no actual harm, Fraud (not Medicaid/Medicare)		
Number of Convictions	Time Elapsed Since Last Conviction	Staff May Clear	Application to Board/Council
One or two convictions	Less than 5 years	No	Yes
	More than 5 years	Yes	No
Three or more convictions	No time factor	No	Yes
CATEGORY 5	Violent Felony Offenses i.e., Sex Crimes, Child/Elder/Spouse Abuse, Hate Crimes, Violent Crimes with Physical Harm, Crimes Related to Practice. Disqualifying Offenses defined in Section 456.0635, F.S., or applicable Practice Act.		
Number of Convictions	Time Elapsed Since Last Conviction	Staff May Clear	Application to Board/Council
One or more conviction(s)	No time factor	No	Yes

NOTES: (Guidelines remain operative until modified by the Board)

1. This is a guideline and may not address all scenarios regarding criminal background checks. Board staff may forward any file for full Board review, for an individual they believe may pose a risk to the health and welfare of the citizens of Florida.
2. For applicants in a Pretrial Intervention Program (PTI), the application can be cleared if the offense is not disqualifying.
3. Applications meeting the following criteria may also be prepared for Board review:
 - a. Any applicant whose application is questionable or when a letter of explanation is inconsistent with other facts, the arrest report, etc.

- b. When criminal court ordered probation is still in effect for disqualifying offense.
 - c. Patterns of behavior - such as multiple drug, alcohol, or violent offenses; may require Board staff evaluation to determine if the file should be forwarded for Board review.
4. Category 2 misdemeanors under Section 456.072(1)(ii) and (1)(II), F.S., relate to convictions under the Medicaid program and health care fraud. Refer to the current version of this law when reviewing related criminal history.

This document is from <https://floridasmentalhealthprofessions.gov/forms/conviction-matrix.pdf> (accessed on Sept. 4, 2026).

Always check for the latest version and consult an experienced law attorney for guidance.