



Petition for Submitting a Request to Expunge a Criminal Record to Urge Quitting the Prostitution Cycle

On July 10, 2020, the Prohibition of Prostitution (Emergency Order and Legislative Amendment) Law, 5779-2019, came into effect. The purpose of the law is to reduce prostitution as part of an integrated program that comprises increasing support and rehabilitation methods for populations that engage in prostitution. The program's concern is the harmful effects of prostitution and the damage it entails.

To mitigate barriers to enable quitting the cycle of prostitution and integration into the workforce, **the President of the State, Reuven (Ruv) Rivlin, and Minister of Justice MK Avi Nissenkorn are issuing a special petition to those who were previously sentenced in court for offenses concerning prostitution and were not sentenced to prison, to submit requests to expunge their criminal records.**

The applications will be considered due to the change in legislation and its implications, and special attention will concern the applicant's support and rehabilitation.

Who is the petition for?

Those who were tried in court in the past for offenses **regarding their engagement in prostitution and were not sentenced to prison.**

It is essential to point out that in the case of closed police files (police records), which did not lead to the filing of an indictment and the issuance of a sentence in a criminal case (criminal record), the authority to expunge the record is granted to the Israel Police and not to the President of the State. You may contact the Criminal Information Department of the Israel Police at 02-5429757, 02-5429672 or via fax at 02-5429144 or e-mail: bitul-rishum@police.gov.il. It should be emphasized that the police do not provide information regarding police records except in rare cases specified in the law.

It should be noted that this special petition of the President and the Minister of Justice does not preclude the submission of requests for expungement and other requests for clemency by any individual concerning the general pardon authority granted to the President.

Where should you send the application for expunging criminal records?

The request to expunge a criminal record must be submitted via the online form on the Office of the President's website or the Pardons Department of the Ministry of Justice website:

https://forms.gov.il/globaldata/getsequence/getHtmlForm.aspx?formtype=HNI_1@justice.gov.il

You may also submit via:

- 1) Email: Haninot @/president.gov.il
- 2) Mail: 3 Hanasi Street, Jerusalem 9218801
- 3) Fax: 02-5887225



What should a request to expunge a criminal record include?

Requests for clemency must be submitted by the subject or their representative or via a first-degree relative.

Personal information and contact info must be included in the request; details regarding the offense and the court's decision; a letter stating the reasons for the request, including personal circumstances and rehabilitation; and any additional documents that substantiate the reasons for the request.

Further Information:

The Office of the President's website:

<https://www.gov.il/he/Departments/units/president-of-the-state-of-israel-pardon>

The Ministry of Justice Pardons Department's website:

<https://www.gov.il/he/service/pardon request>

For further inquiries, please contact us by phone:

The Legal Bureau at the Office of the President, 09:00-11:00 by calling 02-6707211.

Pardons Department at the Ministry of Justice, 09:00-11:00 and 13:00-15:00 by calling 073-3927070.

The Unit for the Coordination of the Fight against Trafficking of Human Beings at the Ministry of Justice by calling 073-3926728.

The Office of the President

Ministry of Justice

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