

RESOURCE GUIDE - EXPUNGEMENTS

Effective January 1, 2020, the Criminal Records Expungement Act, Sections [29-3A-1 through 29-3A-9 NMSA 1978](#), took effect. This Act allows a qualifying individual to petition a court for expungement of a number of criminal and related public records.

Pursuant to that statute, the New Mexico Administrative Code ("NMAC") Rule also took effect: [Rule 10.2.2 NMAC Expungement of Arrest Records and Related Public Records](#)

For additional information and suggested forms, see:

- The First Judicial District Court website at <https://firstdistrictcourt.nmcourts.gov/home/self-help-center/forms/> Scroll to the bottom of the page, click on “Civil Law” then “Expungement.”
- The Second Judicial District Court website at <https://seconddistrictcourt.nmcourts.gov/home/civil-forms/>. Scroll down the page and click on “Civil Court Forms and Procedures” then select the expungement folder for your situation.
- New Mexico ACLU [Expungement information page](#)

You can research and read the statutes relating to expungement and other New Mexico laws, as well as court rules, appellate court opinions, and official court forms by using the legal research tool NMOneSource.com on the New Mexico Compilation Commission website at <https://nmonesource.com/nmos/en/nav.do>.

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