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CORI Reform Law  
Access to CORI Effective May 4, 2012

On Friday, May 4, 2012, the main provisions of Chapter 256 of the Acts of 2010, commonly known as CORI Reform, will take effect. As a result, access to Massachusetts criminal offender record information (CORI) will be significantly affected.

This document contains two tables which summarize the changes which will be taking place. The first table identifies the Categories of Access which will go into effect on May 4. It also identifies the types of information which will, and which will not, be available in each category.

The second table identifies the various Requestor Types in existence and also identifies the level(s) of access each Requestor Type will receive along with the Purposes for which each Requestor Type may request CORI. Between the two tables, each Requestor Type can determine what their level of access will be and what information they will receive in response to a CORI request.

Should you have any questions about the information contained in this document or about CORI in general, please contact the Constituent Assistance and Research Unit by phone at 617.660.4640, or by e-mail at [icori.info@state.ma.us](mailto:icori.info@state.ma.us).

**Categories of CORI Access**  
**Effective Date: May 4, 2012**

Category of Access	iCORI System Must Return	iCORI System will NOT Return
<b>Personal Access</b>	All adult/youthful offender convictions, non-convictions, and pending cases, as well as all civil and non-incarcerable offenses. In addition, both civil and non-incarcerable offenses must appear in their own distinct sections of the CORI report.	Any sealed or juvenile offenses.
<b>Required 1</b>	All adult/youthful offender convictions and pending offenses.	Any sealed, juvenile, civil, and non-incarcerable offenses or non-convictions.
<b>Required 2</b>	All adult/youthful offender convictions, non-convictions and pending offenses.	Any sealed, juvenile, civil, or non-incarcerable offenses.
<b>Required 3</b>	All adult/youthful offender and juvenile offender convictions, non-convictions and pending offenses.	Any sealed, civil, or non-incarcerable offenses.
<b>Required 4</b>	All adult/youthful offender and juvenile offender convictions, non-convictions and pending offenses as well as sealed case indicators. In the scenario that actual sealed record data is available, then such records will be provided along with the indication that the arraignment is sealed.	Any civil or non-incarcerable offenses.
<b>Standard Access</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the offense is a murder, manslaughter or sex offense and the disposition is a conviction.</li> <li>• If the offense is a misdemeanor, the disposition is a conviction and the disposition date or incarceration release date is less than 5 years prior to the CORI Request Date, the system must return the offense AND all other convicted offenses.</li> <li>• If the offense is a felony, the disposition is a conviction and the disposition date or incarceration release date occurred less than 10 years prior to the CORI Request Date, the system must return the offense AND all other convicted offenses.</li> <li>• If the offense is pending.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the offense disposition is a non-conviction.</li> <li>• If the offense is a misdemeanor, the disposition is a conviction and the disposition date and incarceration release date occurred 5 or more years prior to the CORI Request Date.</li> <li>• If the offense is a felony, the disposition is a conviction and the disposition date and incarceration release date are 10 or more years prior to the CORI Request Date.</li> <li>• If the offense is sealed, juvenile, civil or non-incarcerable.</li> </ul>

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<b>Open Access</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the offense is a murder, manslaughter or sex offense and the disposition is a conviction, the system must return the offense no matter how old the conviction is.</li> <li>• If the offense is a misdemeanor, the disposition is a conviction and the disposition date or incarceration date occurred less than one year prior to the CORI Request Date.</li> <li>• If the offense is a felony, the disposition is a conviction and the disposition date or incarceration release date occurred less than 2 years prior to the CORI Request Date.</li> <li>• If the offense is a felony that is punishable by 5 or more years in state prison provided however, that such conviction shall only be available for 10 years following the date of disposition or date of release from incarceration, whichever is later.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the offense disposition is a non-conviction.</li> <li>• If the offense is pending.</li> <li>• If the offense is a misdemeanor, the disposition is a conviction and the disposition date and incarceration release date occurred one or more year(s) prior to the CORI Request Date.</li> <li>• If the offense is a felony, the disposition is a conviction and the disposition date and incarceration release date occurred 2 or more years prior to the CORI Request Date.</li> <li>• If the case is sealed, juvenile, civil or non-incarcerable.</li> </ul>

## Requestor Types, CORI Access Levels, and Purposes

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Requestor Type	Level(s) of CORI Access	Purpose(s) for CORI requests
<b>Amusement Device Operators</b>	Required 1	employment and volunteers
<b>Assisted Living Facilities</b>	Required 2	employment and volunteers
<b>Banks</b>	Required 1	employment and volunteers
<b>Camps</b>	Required 3	employment, volunteers and americorp volunteers
<b>College, University, or Technical Inst.</b>	Standard and Required 1	standard-employment and volunteers; required 1 for clinical program placements and americorps volunteers
<b>Consumer Reporting Agencies</b>	Standard; multiple possibilities for on behalf of client requests	standard for the purpose of screening its own employees; for requests on behalf of a client, will receive the same level of CORI and purpose for which the client is entitled
<b>Councils on Aging</b>	Required 2	employment and volunteers
<b>Day Care Centers</b>	Required 2	employment, volunteers and americorp volunteers
<b>Employers (Wal-Mart, McDonalds, etc.)</b>	Standard	employment and volunteers
<b>EOHHS funded vendors</b>	Required 1	employment and volunteers
<b>Agencies</b>	Required 1	employment and volunteers
<b>Hospitals</b>	Required 1	employment and volunteers
<b>Hospitals (Public)</b>	Required 1	employment and volunteers
<b>In-Home Care</b>	Required 2	employment and volunteers
<b>Insurance Companies</b>	Required 1	employment and volunteers
<b>Lawfirm</b>	Standard	employment and volunteers
<b>MA Municipalities</b>	Multitple possibilities-Standard, Required 1 or Required 2	employment, volunteers, licensing
<b>MA State Agencies</b>	Multitple possibilities-Standard, Required 1 or Required 2	employment, volunteers, licensing

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Nursing Homes	Required 2	employment and volunteers
Out of State - Municipalities	Standard	employment, volunteers, licensing
Out of State - State Agencies	Standard	employment, volunteers, licensing
Private Investigators	Required 1	employment and volunteers
Private Landlord	Standard	housing applicants
Private Schools (Accredited in MA)	Required 2	employment and volunteers
Private Schools (Not Accredited in MA)	Standard	employment and volunteers
Management Company (Private)	Standard	employment, volunteers and market rate housing
Property Management Company (Public)	Standard and Required 1	standard for employment,volunteers and market rate housing; Required 1 for public/subsidized housing
Public Housing Authorities	Standard and Required 1	standard for employment and volunteers; Required 1 for housing
Public Schools (Accredited in MA)	Required 2	employment and volunteers
Public Schools (Not Accredited in MA)	Standard	employment and volunteers
Real Estate Agency	Standard	employment, volunteers and market rate housing
Religious Organizations	Required 2	employment and volunteers
Security Guard Companies	Required 1	employment and volunteers
Security Systems Installers	Required 1	employment and volunteers
Organizations (Progs for adults)	Standard and Required 1	standard: employment and volunteer; required 1: americorps volunteers
Organizations (Progs for children under 18)	Required 2	employment and volunteers