

What happens after I've sent in my application?

The Ministry will acknowledge that it has received your application. It will write to you at your preferred method of contact.

If you've applied on behalf of a person who has died, the Secretary for Justice may need to decide if you can be their representative.

Ministry officials will assess your application and provide advice to the Secretary for Justice about it. The Ministry will also obtain and assess relevant archived official records about the conviction.

In some cases, the Ministry may need to make further enquiries. For example, seek information from other agencies, ask you some more questions or talk to someone else about your case. The Ministry will consult with you before it asks another person for information.

The Secretary for Justice will decide, based on all the information available, if your application meets the test for expungement. In making that decision, the Secretary must act independently.

The decision is issued in writing and will be sent to you. The decision isn't made public.

If the application is granted, the Ministry will take the necessary steps to ensure the conviction no longer appears on your criminal history.

If the application is refused, the decision will include reasons explaining why.