A person is eligible for relief under Clean Slate when:

- They have completed a three-year waiting period for misdemeanor convictions and seven-year waiting period for felony convictions, not counting time served in prison.
- They have completed probation or parole.
- They have no pending charges in New York.
- Sex offenses are not eligible for sealing under the Clean Slate Act.

Once eligible, the conviction records will be civilly sealed to allow people to access housing, education, and most jobs. But Clean Slate will not limit background checks for:

- **Law enforcement, prosecutors, and the courts**: Records will not be sealed for the criminal legal system. Police, prosecutors, defense counsel, judges, and court officials will continue to have access to sealed records.

- **Hiring police and peace officers**: Any prospective employer of a police or peace officer will have access to sealed records.

- **Gun licenses**: Local, state, and federal agencies and officers conducting background checks for firearm licenses will have access to sealed records.

- **The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)**: The DMV, as well as private transportation companies like Uber and Lyft, will have access to sealed records.

- **Work with vulnerable populations, like children, the elderly, and people with disabilities**: Sealed records will remain available to entities that are legally permitted or required to run fingerprint-based background checks.

- **The New York State Education Department (NYSED)**: Public, private, and religious schools legally permitted or required to run fingerprint-based background checks will have access to sealed records. NYSED will also retain access for specified disciplinary proceedings and background checks in enumerated occupations and licenses it oversees.