1. Before release

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What to line up while someone is still inside, and how families can help from the outside.

Know the release date

Paperwork to gather

Planning a place to stay

How families can help

Sources

- ADCRR (https://corrections.az.gov/)
- National Association for Rational Sex Offender Laws (https://www.narsol.org/)

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2. The first 30 days

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The first things to handle after release, including health coverage and identification.

On the registry? Read this first.

You will need to renew your license every year.

The first day

Health coverage

Identification

Reporting and check-ins

Sources

- AHCCCS (Arizona Medicaid) (https://www.azahcccs.gov/)
- Arizona MVD (https://azdot.gov/mvd)

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3. Housing

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How to look for a place to live after release, and where to turn for help.

On the registry? Read this first.

Housing rules can be different for people on the registry. Confirm your options with your parole or probation officer, and read the linked statute for the current rules.

Short-term options

Renting with a record

Programs that can help

Sources

- A.R.S. § 13-3727 (https://www.azleg.gov/ars/13/03727.htm)

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4. Work

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Finding and keeping a job with a record, and what employers may and may not ask.

On the registry? Read this first.

You will need to disclose that you are a sex offender (SO) for any job.

Where to start looking

Applications and interviews

Your rights as a job seeker

Sources

- EEOC: arrest and conviction records (https://www.eeoc.gov/arrestandconviction)

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5. Registration

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What registering involves and how to keep up with the requirements.

On the registry? Read this first.

Registration requirements are set by law and by your supervision conditions. Confirm the details with your parole or probation officer, and read the linked statute for the current rules.

What registration means

Keeping your information current

Getting help

Sources

- A.R.S. § 13-3821 (https://www.azleg.gov/ars/13/03821.htm)

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6. Clearing your record

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The ways a conviction can be set aside or have rights restored in Arizona.

On the registry? Read this first.

A set aside and a Certificate of Second Chance aren't available for offenses that require registration. You may still be able to get some rights back.

Restoring your rights

Setting aside a conviction

Certificate of Second Chance

Sources

- A.R.S. § 13-905 (https://www.azleg.gov/ars/13/00905.htm)
- A.R.S. § 13-911 (https://www.azleg.gov/ars/13/00911.htm)

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7. Faith and support

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Free correspondence Bible studies and other ministries for people inside and their families.

Bible studies by mail

The following is a list of mostly FREE correspondence Bible studies. Those that cost something are marked with an asterisk (*).

- Prison Mission Association (http://prisonmission.org/free-bible-lessons/)
- Crossroads Prison Ministries (https://cpministries.org/mentorship-program/courses)
- Set Free Prison Ministries (https://www.setfreeprisonministries.org/bible-study/)
- Follow Up Prison Ministries (https://followupministries.org)
- Bible Studies by Mail (https://www.biblestudiesbymail.org/courses/inmate-free-bible-studies/)
- Prisoners of Hope Ministries (https://pohministries.org/index.php/welcome-to-prisoners-of-hope-ministries/)
- Mt. Nebo Prison Ministry (http://mnpm.org/) (A free Macarthur study Bible for completion)

Finding a congregation

Support for families

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