

# Penal Code § 290 Registration Relief SB384



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## What is PC 290 registration relief?

Effective **July 1, 2021**, eligible sex registrants with adult convictions for specified sex crimes may be eligible to file a petition in Superior Court, per PC 290.5, for registration relief.

## When can I file a petition?

An eligible registrant may file this petition on or after their birthday following the 10th or 20th year of registration, depending on their tier designation.

## What are the tiers?

Registrants will be placed into one of three tiers, based on the conviction for which they were ordered to register.

- Registrants placed in **Tier 1** may be eligible to petition for registration relief if they have met the 10 year mandatory minimum registration requirement.
- Registrants placed in **Tier 2** may be eligible to petition for registration relief if they have met the 20 years minimum registration requirement.
- Registrants placed in **Tier 3** must register for life but some may be eligible to petition after 20 years minimum registration.

## How do I find my tier?

A Tier Notification Letter can be provided by the law enforcement agency **where you register**. We suggest registrants consult a lawyer about their tier designation.

## How do I file a petition for PC 290 relief?

A registrant may file a petition in the California Superior Court of **the county where they currently register**. A registrant may file a petition independently but we suggest they seek a lawyer's assistance.

## Who can I contact for legal assistance?

The Private Defender Program provides legal assistance or you may hire an attorney independently. Learn more about the Private Defender Program services at [www.pdpsmcba.org](http://www.pdpsmcba.org) or request assistance by emailing us at: [recordclearance@smcba.org](mailto:recordclearance@smcba.org).

## To petition for relief, you must:

- **Continue to register!**
- Retain proof of your current registration.
- Request a Tier Notification Letter from the law enforcement agency where you register .

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Contact the Private Defender Program if you need assistance at **650-298-4000** or by **scanning this QR code**.

