

Get help

It can be hard to think about these past experiences.

You can get support if you want help deciding whether to apply. You do not have to go through the process alone.

Get free legal help

You can get free legal help to think about your options and complete an application.

Q+Law at Fitzroy Legal Service

- Phone: 03 9968 1002
- Email: qladmin@fls.org.au
- Website: qlaw.org.au/get-help

Justice Q at South-East Monash Legal Service

- Phone: 03 9545 7400
- Email: info@smls.com.au
- Website: smls.com.au/justice-q

Get mental health and community support

You can talk to someone and get support for your mental health:

Switchboard Victoria

- Phone: 1800 729 367
- Email: support@rainbowdoor.org.au
- Website: switchboard.org.au

Thorne Harbour Health

- Phone: 03 9865 6700 or 1800 134 840
- Website: thorneharbour.org/services/mental-health

Lifeline

- Phone: 13 11 14
- Website: lifeline.org.au

**Did you know
that some
old criminal
records linked
to homosexual
activity can be
removed?**



Justice
and Community
Safety



People should never have been criminalised because of their sexuality.

Some people are still living with convictions from laws that unfairly targeted them, including past laws used to punish homosexuality.

If this happened to you, you may be able to have the conviction removed from your criminal record through a process called **expungement**.

Who can apply

You can apply if the historical conviction:

- was for an offence used to target people because of their sexuality
- involved conduct that would not be a crime in Victoria today.

You can also apply for someone else if you:

- are their guardian
- have power of attorney
- are applying on behalf of a loved one who has died.

What the process involves

The process is:

- free
- confidential
- done without going to court.

You can ask for information without making an application.

You do not need to remember every detail about the conviction. The Department of Justice and Community Safety may be able to start with what you do remember and help get records on your behalf.



Get more information on the process

The Department of Justice and Community Safety runs the expungement process.

You can find more information here:

- **Website:** justice.vic.gov.au/your-rights/remove-historical-convictions-for-homosexual-activity
- **Email:** expscheme@justice.vic.gov.au

If you are not sure if you can apply, you can ask for a confidential chat.

