Employment and Occupational Licensing

Rioting and Failure to Disperse can keep you from employment by Federal Offices and by the United States or the District of Columbia for five years upon conviction.

Under Pennsylvania and some federal laws, a convicted party will either be disqualified from, or his/her licensing will be in question for certain occupations. The profession for which you trained may now be out of reach including:

- Accountant
- Psychologist
- Doctor
- Dentist
- Teacher
- Pharmacist
- Police Officer
- Attorney
- Veterinarian
- Nurse
- Social Worker
- Financial Consultant

Firearm Restriction

Federal law prohibits gun possession by persons convicted in any court of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year and “misdemeanor crime of domestic violence.”

In Pennsylvania there are numerous offences for which a conviction can result in a person’s losing the privilege of possessing a firearm. In other words, no more hunting.

Eviction

Under the Landlord Tenant Act drug related convictions including convictions for the sale, manufacture, or distribution of illegal drugs can result in your being evicted from your apartment.

For more information, please visit our website at:
http://studentaffairs.psu.edu/

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Collateral Consequences of Criminal Convictions

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Collateral Consequences

You have considered your future. That is why you chose to go to college. Have you really thought of everything? Breaking laws or rules have short term and long term affects. Do you really want your four years at Penn State to add up to nothing? We’re talking about collateral consequences — those things you didn’t consider or didn’t even know about. Here are some examples of collateral consequences of criminal convictions.

Military: Enlisted and Officers
An individual convicted of a felony is ineligible in any service of the armed forces unless an exception is made. Military pensions may not be paid if incarceration in a local, state or federal penal institution is the result of a misdemeanor or felony offense.

Financial Aid
A conviction for any offense under any Federal or State law involving the possession or sale of a controlled substance can make a student ineligible for student financial aid. Forms of aid subject to ineligibility include:
- Grants
- Loans
- Work Study
If convicted of an offense involving possession of a controlled substance, starting on the date of conviction, the ineligibility period is:
  - First offense...........1 year
  - Second offense.......2 years
  - Third offense.............Indefinite
If convicted of an offense involving the sale of a controlled substance, starting on the date of conviction, the ineligibility period is:
  - First offense...........2 years
  - Second offense...... Indefinite

Loss of Property (aka Forfeiture)
Under the Food and Drug Act you can lose tangible and intangible personal property. This can include computers, cars, real estate, cash, etc.

Driver Licenses
Violation of certain Pennsylvania Laws can result in the suspension or revocation of your driving license. This includes:
- Certain drug related offenses;
- Carrying a false identification;
- DUI & Purchase/Consumption/ Possession/Transportation of Liquor (commonly known as a Minors Law violation)

Federal Programs
Many social service programs are only available to individuals who do not have a criminal history such as:
- Federal Health Care
- Public Housing
- Social Security
Currently, Pennsylvania has opted-out of the federal drug felon ban for TANF and food stamps, however, other states may participate in the ban.

Voting
Disenfranchisement is the taking away of voting rights.
Currently Pennsylvania, the District of Columbia, and 47 other states prohibit inmates from voting while incarcerated for a felony offense.

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