



CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION

EMPLOYERS

The CQE is a certificate granted by the Common Pleas Court that removes obstacles to employment for individuals with a prior criminal conviction

CQE FOR EMPLOYMENT

EMPLOYER BENEFITS



**OHIO WORK OPPORTUNITY
TAX CREDIT**



FEDERAL BONDING



**PROVIDE LEGAL
PROTECTION FROM
NEGLIGENT HIRING
LAWSUITS FOR EMPLOYERS
WHO KNOWINGLY HIRE CQE
HOLDERS**

see Ohio Revised Code Section 2953.25



**ALLOW EMPLOYERS OR
LICENSING AGENCIES
DISCRETION TO
INDIVIDUALLY ASSESS AN
APPLICANT'S SUITABILITY TO
HIRE**

WHO GRANTS THE CQE?

The decision to issue a CQE is determined by the Court of Common Pleas in the county where the petitioner currently resides.

- Petitioners must complete a 15 page petition that includes: prior convictions prior employment, rehabilitation rationale, professional and personal references.
- CQE petitions are thoroughly reviewed by staff at the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, Court of Common Pleas and input from prosecutors and multiple judges.
- Employers can request the individual printout from the applicant and check the validity of a CQE by contacting the Office of Reentry at:
drc.officeofreentry@drc.ohio.gov