

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DECERTIFICATION OF POLICE OFFICERS

* Decertification or Delicensing of Police Officers happens in 44 states. Massachusetts is one of six states that has no decertification process, including California, Hawaii, New Jersey, New York, and neighboring Rhode Island.



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[Police Officer Decertification: Promoting Police Professionalism through State Licensing and the National Decertification Index](#)

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OTHER RESOURCES:

NATIONAL DECERTIFICATION INDEX: A SEARCHABLE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF CERTIFICATE OR LICENSE ACTIONS RELATED TO OFFICER MISCONDUCT. A project of: The International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training ([IADLEST](#))

About the NDI: The purpose of the [National Decertification Index](#) (NDI) is to serve as a national registry of certificate or license revocation actions relating to officer misconduct. The records contained in the NDI are provided by participating state government agencies and should be verified with the contributing authority. Inclusion in the database does not necessarily preclude any individual from appointment as an officer.

The NDI currently contains **19,478** actions reported by **39** states.

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