

Florida Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators

**Rule 10.130. Notification of Conviction**

**(a) Definition.** “Conviction” means a determination of guilt which is the result of a trial, or entry of ~~resulting from~~ a plea of guilty or no contest to a felony or misdemeanor of the first degree, regardless of whether adjudication of guilt was withheld or whether imposition of sentence was suspended, deferred, or withheld, and applies in relation to any of the following: All Florida, federal, out-of-state, military, and foreign convictions as an adult or violations of county ordinances that bring within the municipal or county code the violation of a state statute or statutes shall qualify as convictions.

(1) a felony, misdemeanor of the first degree, or misdemeanor of the second degree involving dishonesty or false statement;

(2) a conviction of a similar offense described in subdivision (1) that includes a conviction by a federal, military, or tribal tribunal, including courts-martial conducted by the Armed Forces of the United States;

(3) a conviction of a similar offense described in subdivision (1) that includes a conviction or entry of a plea of guilty or no contest resulting in a sanction in any jurisdiction of the United States or any foreign jurisdiction. A sanction includes, but is not limited to, a fine, incarceration in a state prison, federal prison, private correctional facility, or local detention facility; or

(4) a conviction of a similar offense described in subdivision (1) of a municipal or county ordinance in this or any other state.

**(b) Report of Conviction.** A conviction shall be reported in writing to the center within 30 days of such conviction. A report of conviction shall include a copy of the order or orders pursuant to which the conviction was entered.

**(c) Suspension.** Upon receipt of a report of felony conviction, the center shall immediately suspend all certifications and refer the matter to the qualifications complaint committee.

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**(d)Referral.** Upon receipt of a report of a misdemeanor conviction, the center shall refer the matter to the qualifications complaint committee for appropriate action. If the center becomes aware of a conviction prior to the required notification, it shall refer the matter to the qualifications complaint committee for appropriate action.