

King County District Court

How to Request for Blake Refund

In 2021, the Washington State Supreme Court found the law criminalizing drug possession unconstitutional. As a result of this decision, known as <u>State v. Blake</u>, any <u>Blake</u>-related convictions qualify to be removed (vacated) from one's criminal record, and any legal financial obligations (LFOs) paid as a result qualify for financial reimbursement.

If you have a conviction resulting from a drug possession charge on your criminal record (BLAKE), you *must* first have your Blake-related convictions vacated and refund eligibility determined by the Washington State County court or courts where you were convicted.

Once your conviction has been vacated by the court, you are ready to apply for your legal financial obligation refund online or by mail. We encourage you to apply online for expedited processing and to better track the progress of your refund request.

Please have your name, case number, and picture ID handy before you apply. You may need to provide additional documentation if you have undergone a name change.

Apply online: https://refund.courts.wa.gov/Help/ApplyOnline

Apply by mail instructions: https://refund.courts.wa.gov/MailInApplication.pdf
Download, print, and complete the application, provide proof of identity (and any name change), and mail it to:

Administrative Office of the Courts
Attention: Blake Refund Program
P.O. Box 41170
Olympia, WA 98504-1170

For questions about the application process, please call 360-704-1913 or visit https://refund.courts.wa.gov/Help/Contact.

For more information about Blake Refund, please visit the Blake Refund Bureau at https://rb.gy/6x021 or scan the QR code.