

Additional Items Required For In-Person Registration

- (1) **Telephone Numbers**, including cell phone numbers, and any other designations used by the individual for purposes of routing or self-identification in telephonic communications.
- (2) Valid **Social Security Number** issued by the federal government or purported Social Security Number.
- (3) **Temporary Lodging**. The specific length of time and the dates during which the individual will be temporarily lodged. Temporary lodging is defined as “The specific location, including street address, where a sexual offender is staying when away from the sexual offender’s residence for seven or more days.”
- (4) **Passport and Documents** establishing immigration status, which will be copied in a digitized format for inclusion in the registry.
- (5) **Licenses**. Information relating to occupational and professional licensing, including type of license held and the license number.
- (6) **Form** signed by the individual acknowledging the individual’s obligations

Registrants Must Appear In Person At An Approved Registration Site Within Three Business Days To Report Any Of The Following

- (1) **Residence**. A commencement of, change in, termination of, or failure to maintain a residence, thus making the individual a transient.
- (2) **Employer**. Commencement of employment, change in the location or entity in which the individual is employed or termination of employment.
- (3) **School**. Initial enrollment as, change in enrollment as, or termination as a student.

Helpful Tip: Have all your information written down to ensure you don’t miss anything.



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**Pennsylvania Association for
Rational Sexual Offense Laws**
A Pennsylvania safe and just for all.

Pennsylvania’s Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA)

*What you need to know if your offense
was committed before Dec. 20, 2012
(a.k.a. Subchapter I).*

PARSOL was founded in 2017 in response to the growing realization that sex offense registries were becoming unwieldy, unnecessarily punitive, and ineffective at their stated goal of keeping people safe from sexual harm. We are the state affiliate of the National Association for Rational Sexual Offense Laws (NARSOL).

*Information contained herein is believed to be accurate as of the publication date. However, laws can change. If you have questions, consult your attorney or the Megan’s Law Section of the Pennsylvania State Police
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What is SORNA?

SORNA is a public registry for those who primarily, but not necessarily, committed a sexual offense. Those who have to register must do so with the PA State Police. This pamphlet describes the registration system, information collected, items appearing on the public web site, and other duties required under the law.

Registration System

10-year. Registration is for **10 years**. In-person appearance at an approved registration site to provide or verify the required information and to be photographed is **Annual**.

Lifetime. Registration is for the **Lifetime** of the individual. In-person appearance at an approved registration site to provide or verify the required information and to be photographed is **Annual**.

Sexually Violent Predators (SVP)

SVP. Registration is for the **Lifetime** of the individual. In-person appearance at an approved registration site to provide or verify the required information and to be photographed is **Quarterly** (every three months). In addition, SVPs must attend at least monthly counseling sessions by a provider approved by the Sexual Offender Assessment Board (SOAB).

Registration classification can be found at 42 Pa. C.S. §9799.55.

Transients

Individuals who do not maintain a residence for thirty consecutive days must appear **Monthly** at an approved registration site and indicate where they receive mail, including a post office box, and any planned destinations, including those outside of Pennsylvania. Transients must provide information that will appear on the public Internet website including their temporary habitat or other place of abode or dwelling (including, but not limited to, a homeless shelter or park), and a list of places where they eat, frequent and engage in leisure activities.

Juveniles

Only juveniles deemed a Sexually Violent Delinquent Child (SVDC) by the SOAB shall register for the **life** of the individual. The juvenile may be subject to court-ordered commitment for involuntary inpatient treatment for a minimum of **1 year**. The juvenile may also be subject to an outpatient treatment plan set up by the Department of Public Welfare and the SOAB following the inpatient treatment. In addition, SVDCs must attend at least monthly counseling sessions by a provider approved by the Sexual Offender Assessment Board (SOAB).

SVDC classification can be found at 42 Pa. C.S. §6358.

Court-ordered involuntary treatment can be found at 42 Pa.C.S. Chapter 64.

Information Appearing On The Public Internet Website And Required For In-Person Registration

- (1) **Name and aliases** appear on the website. At Registration, the individual must also provide his or her primary or given name, including any alias used by the individual, nickname, pseudonym, ethnic or tribal name, and **any designation or monikers used for self-identification in internet communications or postings.**
- (2) **Year of birth** appears on the website. At registration the individual must also provide the actual date of birth and purported date of birth.
- (3) **Residence.** Street address, municipality, county, state and ZIP Code of residences and intended residences appear on the website. At registration the individual must also provide the location at which the individual receives mail, including a post office box. A residence is defined as *“A location where an individual resides or is domiciled or intends to be domiciled for 30 consecutive days or more during a calendar year. The term includes a residence which is mobile, including a houseboat, mobile home, trailer or recreational vehicle.”*
- (4) **School.** Street address, municipality, county, state and ZIP Code of any location at which an individual is enrolled as a student appear on the website. A student is defined as *“An individual who is enrolled in or attends a*

(Information Appearing Cont.)

public or private educational institution within this Commonwealth on a full-time or part-time basis, including a secondary school, trade or professional institution of higher education. The term does not include an individual enrolled in an education institution exclusively through the internet or via correspondence courses.”

- (5) **Employer.** Municipality, county, state and ZIP Code of a fixed location where an individual is employed, or the general areas of work if the individual is not employed at a fixed address, appear on the website.
- (6) **Photographs.** The last eight facial photographs taken of the individual, and the date each photograph was entered into the registry, appear on the website.
- (7) **Physical description** of the individual appears on the website.
- (8) **Vehicles.** License plate number and description of all vehicles owned or operated by the individual, including watercraft and aircraft, appear on the website. At registration the individual must also provide the address of the place where the vehicle is stored as well as provide the license to operate the motor vehicle or other identification card issued by the Commonwealth, another jurisdiction or a foreign country.
- (9) **Offense** for which the individual is registered and all other sexually violent offenses for which the individual was convicted.
- (10) **Compliance.** A statement whether the individual is in compliance with registration.
- (11) **Minor Victim.** A statement if the victim is a minor.
- (12) **Registration Date.** Date on which the individual is made active within the registry and date when the individual most recently updated registration information.
- (13) **Classification.** Indication as to whether the individual is a sexually violent predator, sexually violent delinquent child, or convicted of a 10-Year, Lifetime, Pre-SORNA SVP sexual offense.
- (14) **Other.** If applicable, indication that an individual is incarcerated or committed or is a transient.

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