



ALABAMA LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

Sex Offender Registration Unit

Adult Sex Offender Responsibilities Acknowledgement Full Requirements

The Alabama Sex Offender Registration and Community Notification Act¹ (“Act”) places requirements and restrictions on adult sex offenders. This document summarizes the responsibilities of an adult sex offender within Alabama. The provisions of the Act are applicable without regard to when the crime or crimes were committed, or when the duty to register pursuant to the Act arose.

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To complete registration, an adult sex offender must acknowledge the following responsibilities:

No.	Initial	Provision
1.		The offender shall register all required registration information listed in §15-20A-7 at least 30 days prior to release or immediately upon notice of release if release is less than 30 days. §15-20A-9
2.		The offender must appear in person within three (3) business days of release from incarceration or within three (3) business days of conviction if the offender is not incarcerated, and register all required registration information with local law enforcement ² in each county where the offender resides or intends to reside, accepts or intends to accept employment, accepts or intends to accept a volunteer position ³ , and begins or intends to begin school attendance. §15-20A-10
3.		Within three (3) business days of establishing a new residence, accepting employment, accepting a volunteer position or beginning school attendance, the offender must appear in person to register with local law enforcement in each county where the offender establishes a residence, accepts employment, accepts a volunteer position or begins school attendance. §15-20A-10
4.		Within three (3) business days of transferring or terminating ⁴ any residence, employment or school attendance, the offender must appear in person to notify local law enforcement in each county where the offender is transferring or terminating residence, employment or school attendance. §15-20A-10
5.		Within three (3) business days of any name change, the offender must appear in person to update the information with local law enforcement in each county in which the offender is required to register. No offender may change his or her name unless the change is incident to a change in marital status or necessary to effect the exercise of his or her religion. §§15-20A-10, -36

¹ §§15-20A-1 et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended by Act 2017-414.

² Local Law Enforcement – The sheriff of the county and, if the location subject to registration is within the corporate limits of any municipality, the chief of police, or the chief law enforcement officer for a federally recognized Indian tribe, if applicable.

³ Volunteer Position - Any arrangement where a person works without compensation for any period of time on behalf of a business, school, charity, child care facility, or other organization or entity, provided that a volunteer position does not include any time spent traveling as a necessary incident to performing the uncompensated work.

⁴ The phrase “transferred or terminated” a residence is when an offender vacates his or her residence or fails to spend three (3) or more consecutive days at his or her residence without previously notifying local law enforcement or completing a travel notification document.

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6.		Within three (3) business days of changing any required registration information, including transferring or terminating a residence, the offender must appear in person and update the required registration information with local law enforcement in each county in which the offender resides. However, any changes in telephone numbers, email addresses, instant message addresses, or other on-line identifiers or internet service providers may be reported to local law enforcement in person, electronically, or telephonically as required by the local law enforcement agency. §15-20A-10
7.		The offender has seven (7) days from release to comply with the residency restrictions listed in Section 15-20A-11(a). §15-20A-10
8.		The offender shall not establish a residence or maintain a residence after release or conviction within 2,000 ⁵ feet of the property of any school, child care facility or resident camp facility. §15-20A-11
9.		The offender shall not establish a residence or maintain a residence after release or conviction within 2,000 feet of the property on which any of his or her former victim/s or an immediate family member of the victim/s reside. §15-20A-11
10.		The offender shall not reside or conduct an overnight visit ⁶ with a person under the age of 18 years, except as elsewhere provided by law in Section 15-20A-11. §15-20A-11
11.		An offender who no longer has a fixed residence ⁷ is considered homeless and must appear in person within three (3) business days and report the change in his or her fixed residence to local law enforcement where he or she is registered. §15-20A-12
12.		In addition to complying with the registration and verification requirements in Section 15-20A-10 (listed above), a homeless sex offender who lacks a fixed residence, or who does not provide an address at a fixed residence at the time of release or registration, must report in person once every seven (7) days to the law enforcement agency where he or she resides. If the offender resides within the city limits of a municipality, the offender must report to the chief of police. If the offender resides outside the city limits of a municipality, the offender must report to the sheriff of the county. §15-20A-12
13.		If a homeless sex offender obtains a fixed residence in compliance with Section 15-20A-11, within three (3) business days, the offender must appear in person to update his or her residence information with local law enforcement in each county of residence. §15-20A-10, -12
14.		The offender shall not accept or maintain employment or a volunteer position at any school, childcare facility, mobile vending business that provides services primarily to children, or any other business or organization that provides services primarily to children, or any amusement or water park. §15-20A-13
15.		The offender shall not accept or maintain employment or a volunteer position within 2,000 feet of the property on which a school or childcare facility is located unless otherwise exempted pursuant to Sections 15-20A-24 and 15-20A-25. §15-20A-13
16.		An offender convicted of an offense involving a child shall not accept or maintain employment or a volunteer position within 500 feet of a playground, park, athletic field or facility, or any other business or facility having a principal purpose of caring for, educating, or entertaining minors. §15-20A-13
17.		The offender must appear in person to verify all required registration information with local law enforcement in each county where the offender resides during the offender's birth month and every three (3) months thereafter for the duration of the offender's life. §15-20A-10

⁵ 2000 foot measurement - Measurements are calculated by measuring from property line to property line, in a straight line.

⁶ Overnight Visit – any presence between the hours of 10:30 pm and 6:00 am.

⁷ Fixed Residence – a building or structure, having a physical address or street number, that provides shelter in which a person resides.

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18.		Within three (3) business days before an offender temporarily leaves his or her county of residence for a period of three (3) or more consecutive days, the offender must report in person to the sheriff in each county of residence and complete and sign a travel notification document. §15-20A-15
19.		An offender who intends to travel outside the United States must report in person to the sheriff in each county of residence and complete a travel notification document at least twenty-one (21) days prior to travel. If the travel outside of the United States is for a family or personal medical emergency or death in the family, the offender must report in person to the sheriff within three (3) days prior to travel. §15-20A-15
20.		Upon returning to the county of residence after travel, the offender must report to the sheriff in each county of residence within three (3) business days. §15-20A-15
21.		The offender shall not contact, directly or indirectly, in person or through others, by phone, mail, or electronic means, any former victim unless otherwise exempted pursuant to Section 15-20A-16. §15-20A-16
22.		The offender shall not knowingly come within 100 feet of any of his or her former victims unless otherwise exempted pursuant to Section 15-20A-16. §15-20A-16
23.		No offender shall make any harassing communication, directly or indirectly, in person or through others, by phone, mail or electronic means to the victim or any immediate family member of the victim. §15-20A-16
24.		An offender convicted of a sex offense involving a person under the age of 18, shall not loiter on or within 500 feet of the property line of any property on which there is a school, childcare facility, playground, park, athletic field or facility, school bus stop, college or university, or any other business or facility having a principal purpose of caring for, educating, or entertaining minors. §15-20A-17
25.		An offender convicted of a sex offense involving a person under the age of 18 shall not enter onto the property of a K-12 school while school is in session or attend any K-12 school activity unless the offender has previously notified the principal of the school, or his or her designee, and meets all the requirements of Section 15-20A-17(b). §15-20A-17
26.		The offender shall obtain and have in his or her possession at all times a valid driver license or identification card issued by the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency. This driver license or identification card shall bear a designation that enables law enforcement officers to identify the licensee as a sex offender. The offender shall obtain this within fourteen (14) days of his or her initial registration following release, initial registration upon entering this state to become a resident, or immediately following his or her next registration after July 1, 2011. §15-20A-18
27.		Whenever the offender obtains such driver license or identification card, the offender shall relinquish to the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency any other driver license or identification card previously issued to him or her by a state motor vehicle agency which does not bear a designation that enables law enforcement officers to identify the licensee as a sex offender. §15-20A-18
28.		The offender shall not mutilate, mar, change, reproduce, alter, deface, disfigure, or otherwise change the form of any driver license or identification card issued to him or her by the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency which bears any designation that enables law enforcement officers to identify the licensee as a sex offender. §15-20A-18
29.		All out-of-state offenders must appear in person within three (3) business days of entering this state to establish a residence, accept employment, accept a volunteer position or begin school attendance, and register all required registration information with local law enforcement in each county of residence, employment, volunteering or school attendance. §15-20A-14

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30.		An out-of-state offender must provide each registering agency with a certified copy of his or her sex offense conviction within thirty (30) days of initial registration. §15-20A-14
31.		The offender shall pay a registration fee of \$10 to each registering agency where the offender resides beginning with the first quarterly registration on or after July 1, 2011 and at each quarterly registration thereafter. §15-20A-22
32.		Each time the offender terminates his or her residence and establishes a new residence, he or she shall pay a registration fee of \$10 to each registering agency where the offender establishes a new residence. §15-20A-22
33.		Any offender who knowingly violates the Act shall be guilty of a Class C felony. §§15-20A-1 et seq.
34.		Any offender convicted of violating the Act shall be subject to a \$250 fine. §§15-20A-1 et seq.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read the above information and responsibilities and that I am aware of all that is required of me under the Alabama Sex Offender Registration and Community Notification Act. If I fail to comply with any provision of the Act, I understand that I may be charged with a Class C felony in Alabama. Additionally, I have been advised and understand that under the Act and Federal law, I must register as a sex offender. I understand that I must register and keep my registration current in each jurisdiction in which I reside, in each jurisdiction where I am employed, in each jurisdiction where I volunteer and in each jurisdiction where I am a student. I have been advised and understand that failure to comply with these obligations subjects me to prosecution for failure to register or update my registration under Federal law, 18 U.S.C. 2250, punishable by up to 10 years of imprisonment.

Offender

Registering Agency

Signature

Officer's Signature

Printed Name

Officer's Printed Name

Date

Date