



Kansas Eviction Expungement FAQs: for Service Providers & General Public

What is eviction expungement?

Eviction expungement removes eligible residential eviction court records from public view after a three-year period if the renter completes the required court process, including paying off a judgment, if there is one associated with that eviction.

What changed in Kansas law?

Beginning July 1, 2026, Kansas law allows certain residential eviction court records to be expunged after three years if specific requirements are met. Kansas courts are also encouraged to consider mediation in residential eviction cases.

What kinds of cases may qualify?

Potentially eligible cases include all eviction cases filed under the Kansas Residential Landlord Tenant Act, such as:

- dismissed cases,
- cases decided in favor of the renter, and
- cases decided in favor of the landlord.

What are the main eligibility requirements?

Kansas law requires:

- the eviction case must be at least three years old,
- the renter has no additional eviction judgment for at least three years, and
- if money was awarded in the case, the judgment must be paid unless the landlord agrees to the expungement.

Does expungement erase unpaid debts?

No. Expungement does not erase unpaid debts or prevent lawful collection actions.

Is expungement automatic?

No. Renters must apply through the court.

Is there a filing fee?

No. Kansas law allows renters to apply for expungement at no cost.

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Can landlords object?

Yes. Landlords may object if the case does not involve a residential rental lease agreement, if the judgment is not yet paid, if it has not been three years since the eviction, or if another eviction judgment was entered against the Defendant within three years and that case is not eligible for expungement.

What happens if a landlord objects?

The court will hold a hearing to determine whether the requirements for expungement are met.

Will every case require a hearing?

No. If no objection is filed, the court will make a determination on expungement without a hearing.

What is the role of mediation?

Kansas courts are now directed to consider mediation in residential eviction actions when appropriate. Mediation may help parties reach repayment agreements, resolve disputes earlier, and reduce court costs.

How can mediation help?

Mediation may help:

- improve communication,
- create payment agreements,
- resolve disputes earlier,
- avoid unnecessary displacement, and
- reduce court time and costs.

How can service providers and navigators help?

Providers and navigators may assist renters by:

- helping identify potentially eligible cases,
- explaining timelines and court procedures,
- helping gather court information,
- assisting with notice requirements,
- connecting renters to legal aid or mediation resources, and
- encouraging renters to maintain payment documentation.

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