



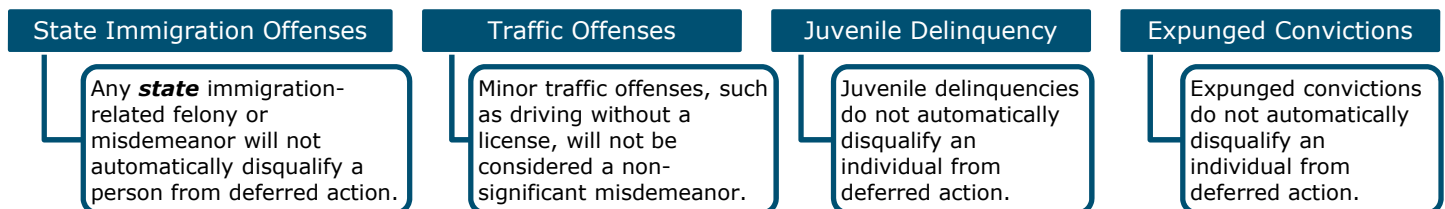
# Understanding the Criminal Bars to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

## Criminal Bars to Deferred Action



If a person falls in one of the criminal bars above (and not one of the listed exceptions below) he or she may still be able to qualify for deferred action if he or she can show **exceptional circumstances**. Such approvals are likely to be very rare.

## Offenses That Do Not Lead to Automatic Disqualification



**NOTE:** Even though these offenses do not trigger the "automatic" criminal bars, DHS can consider them under the discretionary **public safety threat and totality of circumstances** analysis, described below.

## Any Criminal History Can Result in a Discretionary Denial

