

2.1 (b) A certifying entity shall process the certification within 90 days of request, unless
2.2 the victim is in removal proceedings, in which case the certification shall be processed
2.3 within 14 days of request. Requests for expedited certification must be affirmatively raised
2.4 at the time of the request.

2.5 (c) An active investigation, the filing of charges, or a prosecution or conviction are not
2.6 required for the victim of criminal activity to request and obtain the certification.

2.7 Subd. 3. **Certifying entity; designate agent.** (a) The head of a certifying entity shall
2.8 designate an agent to perform the following responsibilities:

2.9 (1) timely process requests for certification;

2.10 (2) provide outreach to victims of criminal activity to inform them of the entity's
2.11 certification process; and

2.12 (3) keep a written or electronic record of all certification requests and responses.

2.13 (b) All certifying entities shall implement a language access protocol for
2.14 non-English-speaking victims of criminal activity.

2.15 Subd. 4. **Disclosure prohibited.** A certifying entity is prohibited from disclosing the
2.16 immigration status of a victim of criminal activity or representative requesting the
2.17 certification, except to comply with federal law or legal process, or if authorized by the
2.18 victim of criminal activity or representative requesting the certification.

2.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Subdivisions 1, 2, and 4 are effective the day following final
2.20 enactment. Subdivision 3 is effective July 1, 2019.