

## RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS IN VIRGINIA

### HOW DO I GET MY VOTING RIGHTS RESTORED?

If you have been convicted of a felony, you must have your rights restored before you can register to vote. Felonies are serious crimes for which you can be imprisoned for more than a year.

To request your rights be restored by the Governor, you may apply online by visiting: <https://solutions.virginia.gov/RestorationOfRights/Search>.

Or you can contact the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth at (804) 786-2441 to see if your rights were restored by a previous order.

### HOW DO I KNOW IF I'M ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR RESTORATION?

You may apply for restoration if you have:

- ✓ been convicted of a felony,
- ✓ completed the terms of incarceration for any and all felony convictions, and
- ✓ been released from supervised probation or parole.

### WHAT RIGHTS ARE RESTORED?

The Governor's pardon restores an individual's civil rights:

- ✓ to vote,
- ✓ to serve on a jury,
- ✓ to run for public office, and
- ✓ to be a notary public.

It does not remove any convictions from an individual's criminal record or excuse an individual from any court fees, fines or restitution owed. It also does not restore an individual's right to possess a firearm.

## **HOW DO I FIND OUT IF MY RIGHTS HAVE BEEN RESTORED?**

Individuals should check their status on the Secretary of Commonwealth's website:  
<https://commonwealth.virginia.gov/judicial-system/restoration-of-rights/>.

Individual grant orders are also available upon request by contacting the Secretary of the Commonwealth at:

Restoration of Rights  
Secretary of the Commonwealth  
P.O. Box 2454  
Richmond, VA 23218

## **WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO TO VOTE?**

All individuals must register to vote before voting in any election. Once your civil rights have been restored, you must register to vote at [www.elections.virginia.gov](http://www.elections.virginia.gov).



## **HOW CAN dLCV HELP?**

dLCV can provide information, technical assistance and, in some cases, legal representation. You can reach our Office by calling (800) 552-3962.

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