



Restoration of Civil Rights Information

If you have lost the right to vote due to a felony conviction in a Virginia Court or a U.S. District Court, you must have your civil rights restored to qualify for voter registration. The restoration of civil rights restores the rights to vote, to run for and hold public office, to serve on juries, and to serve as a notary public.

The Office of the Governor provides a process for the restoration of civil rights for individuals to include those on probation/parole supervisions, who meet the Governor's standards for restoration.

Individuals who would like to have their civil rights restored are encouraged to contact the Secretary of the Commonwealth through the website: <https://www.restore.virginia.gov/>

Individuals may check their status on the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website at <https://www.restore.virginia.gov/>.

More about Restoration of Rights:

The restoration of civil rights:

- Does not restore the right to possess a firearm
- Will not expunge or remove a criminal conviction; Virginia does have an expungement process for felony or misdemeanor convictions; see COV §19.2-392.2, *Expungement of police and court records*
- Is not a pardon
- Is only necessary following felony convictions; misdemeanor convictions and juvenile convictions do not result in the loss of civil rights

Please contact the Restoration of Rights Office at rormail@governor.virginia.gov or toll-free at (804) 692-0104 if you have any questions about the restoration process.

