



OFFICE OF ELECTIONS
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Restoration of Civil Rights



An individual convicted of a felony in Virginia automatically loses their civil rights - right to vote, serve on a jury, run for office, become a notary public and carry a firearm. The Constitution of Virginia gives the Governor the sole discretion to restore their civil rights, not including firearm rights. The Office of Elections encourages individuals to begin the restoration process as it is important to practice your civil duties. If you are seeking to restore your civil rights, please contact the Secretary of the Commonwealth's office.

If you have began the process, but your voter registration application has been denied, then you likely fall into one of three categories regarding Restoration of Civil Rights:

1. Your Restoration is pending.
2. Your Restoration is Complete, but we may not be able to see that yet in our Voter Registration Database.
3. Your rights have been restored and you were unaware of this.

To check the status of your civil rights, visit restore.virginia.gov or scan the QR code. Once your rights have been restore, you must register to vote before you can qualify to receive a ballot at the next election.

To contact the Secretary of the Commonwealth's office:

- Call 804-692-0104
- Visit restore.virginia.gov or scan QR code.

