

# Florida Department of Corrections

## Notification of Restoration of Civil Rights Review Process

The following is provided as *very basic* information regarding the restoration of civil rights review process. For more complete information regarding civil rights restoration, pardons, or eligibility requirements, contact the Office of Executive Clemency, Attention: Coordinator, Office of Executive Clemency, 2601 Blair Stone Road, Building "C", Room 229, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2450 or call (850) 488-2952. Information can also be accessed through the following web site: <https://fpc.state.fl.us/Clemency.htm>.

- **Restoration of Civil Rights in Florida**

- The restoration of civil rights restores to an individual the right to hold public office, to serve on a jury, and the right to vote in the State of Florida. It does not restore the specific authority to own, possess, or use firearms. Such restoration shall not relieve an individual from the registration and notification requirements or any other obligations and restrictions imposed by law upon sexual predators, sexual offenders or career offenders.

- **Specific Authority to Own, Possess, or Use Firearms**

- The specific authority to own, possess, or use firearms in Florida can only be restored by the Board of Executive Clemency. This authority is not automatic. There is an eight (8) year waiting period from the date supervision terminates or the sentence expires before application can be made. Applications can be obtained from the Office of Executive Clemency or be accessed by the following web site: <https://fpc.state.fl.us/Clemency.htm>

- **Restoration of Civil Rights or Alien Status Under Florida Law**

- A person may not apply for the restoration of her/his civil rights unless s/he has completed all sentences imposed and all conditions of supervision have expired or been completed, including, but not limited to, parole, probation, community control, control release, and conditional release. If the person was convicted in a court other than a court of the State of Florida, s/he must be a legal resident of the State of Florida at the time the application is filed, considered, and acted upon. If the person is applying for Restoration of Alien Status under Florida Law, s/he must be domiciled in the State of Florida at the time the application is filed, considered, and acted upon.

- **Review Process**

- For persons terminating supervision or being released from incarceration who are eligible for restoration of civil rights or alien status under Florida Law, the Department of Corrections forwards a monthly computer generated application of individuals released from incarceration or discharged from supervision to the Florida Parole Commission. The Florida Parole Commission reviews records of individuals released from expiration of sentence or discharge from supervision. If the individual meets the eligibility requirements and does not receive more than the requisite number of objections from the Board of Executive Clemency, the Office of Executive Clemency mails a certificate evidencing the restoration of civil rights or alien status to the individual's last known address, usually within one (1) year from the date of expiration of sentence or discharge from supervision. If the individual does not meet the eligibility requirements, the Office of Executive Clemency notifies the individual by mail that s/he is not eligible for restoration of civil rights without a hearing, but may request a hearing by contacting the Office of Executive Clemency at the mailing address, telephone number, email address [ClemencyWeb@fpc.state.fl.us](mailto:ClemencyWeb@fpc.state.fl.us), or the website address provided. Until an individual has received final notification by the Office of Executive Clemency on the application for restoration of civil rights, s/he is responsible for providing the Office of Executive Clemency with his/her most current address for contact purposes. If an individual is in need of a certificate within an earlier time frame, or has any questions on eligibility requirements, s/he may contact the Office of Executive Clemency directly at any time.

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Inmate Signature

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Date

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Release Officer Signature

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Date

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