

# GUIDELINES FOR ALABAMA VOTERS CONVICTED OF CRIMES

yellow

## CERV Eligible Convictions

Manslaughter  
 Assault  
 Kidnapping, 1st or 2nd degree  
 Human trafficking, 1st or 2nd degree  
 Terrorism  
 Soliciting or providing support for terrorism  
 Hindering prosecution of terrorism  
 Endangering the water supply  
 Possession, manufacture, transport or distribution of a destructive device or biological weapon  
 Selling, furnishing or giving away a destructive device or biological weapon  
 Possession, manufacture, transport or distribution of a detonator, explosive, poison or hoax device  
 Possession or distribution of a hoax device represented as a destructive device or weapon  
 Attempt to commit an explosive or destructive device or biological weapon crime  
 Conspiracy to attempt an explosive or destructive device or biological weapon  
 Hindrance or obstruction during detection, disarming or destruction of a destructive device  
 Possession or distribution of a destructive device or weapon intended to cause injury or destruction  
 Trafficking in cannabis, cocaine, amphetamines, methamphetamines or other illegal drugs  
 Bigamy  
 Torture or willful maltreatment of a child under the age of 18  
 Aggravated child abuse  
 Prohibited acts in the offer, sale, or purchase of securities  
 Burglary, 1st or 2nd degree  
 Theft of property or lost property, 1st or 2nd degree  
 Theft of trademarks or trade secrets  
 Robbery, 1st, 2nd, or 3rd degree  
 Forgery, 1st or 2nd degree

If you have only been convicted of one of these crimes, then you do not need a pardon to restore your voting rights.

You can apply for a Certificate of Eligibility to Register to Vote (CERV) if you have no pending criminal charges; completed full sentence, parole/probation, OR been pardoned; and paid all fines, fees, and restitution ordered at the time of the sentence on the disqualifying felony.

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## Ineligible Convictions (Not Pardonable)

Treason  
 Impeachment

You cannot restore your voting rights if you have either of these convictions OR if you are sentenced to death.

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## Ineligible Convictions (Pardonable)

Murder  
 Rape  
 Sodomy  
 Sexual abuse  
 Sexual torture  
 Enticing a child to enter a vehicle for immoral purposes  
 Soliciting a child by computer  
 Production of obscene matter  
 Parents or guardians permitting children to engage in obscene matter  
 Possession of obscene matter  
 Possession with intent to distribute child pornography

To restore your voting rights, you must go through the pardon process.

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## Other Convictions

If you have not been convicted of a crime in the black, red, or yellow boxes, then you have not been convicted of a crime of moral turpitude. You have **NEVER** lost your right to vote.

Check with your local registrar to update your registration information, or visit [alabamavotes.gov](http://alabamavotes.gov).

## What's Next?

If your conviction is not a crime of moral turpitude and does not disqualify you, you can register to vote.

If you believe you are eligible to have your voting rights restored, contact the local Pardons & Paroles office in the county that you live in.

If you have already restored your voting rights, make sure you have also registered to vote.

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# VOTING RIGHTS RESTORATION PROCESS

## 1. Check criminal history.

If the conviction is not in the black, red, or yellow box, then the applicant has not lost their right to vote. They can register to vote with their local registrar or online at [alabamavotes.gov](http://alabamavotes.gov).

All convictions should be checked individually for whether it strips voting rights. It is possible a person with more than one conviction has one felony that leads to loss of voting rights while the other felony does not.

## 2. Check eligibility.

If the felony conviction is in the yellow box, then the applicant must meet the following conditions: has no pending criminal charges; has paid all fines, fees, and restitution ordered at the time of sentencing on the disqualifying felony (post-conviction fees do not apply, nor do fees owed on felonies in the green box); and has completed either the full sentence, probation/parole, OR been pardoned.

If these conditions are not met, the applicant is not eligible for voting rights restoration at this time. They can apply once they satisfy all conditions.

## 3. Contact Board of Pardons & Paroles.

If the applicant's criminal history does not include any crimes in the red or black boxes and is determined eligible in Step 2, then they can go in person to the local Pardons & Paroles office for the county that they currently live in. Applicants can also start their application over the phone by calling the main office at (334) 353-7771 or (334) 353-8067. They will be asked questions regarding their name, address, birth date, social security number, prison ID number, and conviction history, so the applicant should have all information on hand before calling.

## 4. Wait up to 44 days for a response.

The Board of Pardons & Paroles has a 30 day discovery period followed by a 14 day response window to process voting rights restoration applications. Based on the results of the investigation and a favorable determination by the Board of Pardons & Paroles, a voter rights restoration certificate will be issued. If the application is denied, the Board will provide a reason why.

## 5. Register to vote.

If an applicant is issued a voter rights restoration certificate, they are now cleared to vote but must still register to vote before election day. Registration deadlines are 15 days before an election. Individuals can register at their local registrar office, at any assistance office such as WIC or Medicaid, at the DMV, at the post office, at the library, through the mail, or online at [alabamavotes.gov](http://alabamavotes.gov).

Those currently incarcerated with non-disqualifying felonies are also able to register to vote and to vote by absentee ballot. Ask a Sheriff or Warden to obtain the forms.

## 6. Get a voter ID.

In addition to driver's licenses, passports, and government IDs, individuals are able to obtain a free voter ID card at their local registrar office. Prison ID cards are also an accepted form for voter ID.

## 7. Get help.

If there are questions or problems with this process, contact the Board of Pardons & Paroles at (334) 353-7771 or (334) 353-8067, Legal Services Alabama at 1-866-456-4995, ACLU of Alabama at (334) 265-2754, or The Ordinary People Society at (334) 791-2433.