

# State Clemency Resources

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## Which form(s) of clemency does the state offer?

The Board has authority, as established in the Utah Code, to parole, remit fines, forfeitures and restitution orders, commute punishments and grant pardons in all cases except treason and impeachment.

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## Decisionmaker

Pardons can only be granted after a full hearing before the Board. The pardon decisions of the Board are final and are not subject to judicial review.

### Resources:

[bop.utah.gov/pardon\\_process/](https://bop.utah.gov/pardon_process/)

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## Constitutional and statutory authority

### ■ Constitutional Authority:

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The Utah Constitution vests the authority to pardon Utah convictions in the Utah Board of Pardons and Parole (Utah Constitution, Art. VII, §12)

### ■ Statutory Authority:

Utah Admin. Code, R671-315-1

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## Eligibility Criteria

Pardon Applications are considered only after a significant period of time of exemplary citizenship and demonstrable evidence of rehabilitation and generally require that at least five (5) years have passed since the termination or expiration of all criminal offenses, sentences, and supervision on probation or parole. The Board generally requires that all restitution, fines, and fees be paid for any conviction for which a pardon is sought. Before you apply for a pardon, the Board expects that you will seek an Expungement from the Utah Bureau of Criminal Identification and the Courts. As part of the pardon application, you will be required to detail your attempts to expunge the crimes for which you are seeking a pardon.

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## Application Process

The Board will consider the Pardon Application, any input received from victims, police agencies, prosecutors or judges regarding your cases, as well as all available information which the Board determines is relevant to the grant of a pardon. Following the hearing, the Board will take the application and all matters pertaining to the pardon request under advisement. The Board may deny the pardon request, grant the request in part, grant the pardon with conditions, or grant a full and unconditional pardon.

### APPLICATION LINKS

[bop.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/PardonApplication-revised.pdf](https://bop.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/PardonApplication-revised.pdf)