

State Clemency Resources

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

- Pardons
- Commutations

Decisionmaker

The Executive Clemency Advisory Board reviews clemency application packets and sends the governor a recommendation for each applicant. The governor makes the final decision.


 **Resources:**
cdoc.colorado.gov

Constitutional and statutory authority

- **Constitutional Authority:**
Colo. Const. Article IV § 7
- **Statutory Authority:**
Colorado Revised Statutes, Title 16, Article 17, sections 101-103

Eligibility Criteria

Anyone can apply for a pardon in Colorado, except for people convicted of impeachment or treason (see, Colorado DOC website). The Executive Clemency Advisory Board has several criteria for commutations, which it explains in its Eligibility Criteria document:

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Application Process

■ Pardon Process:

- (1) The application is processed and information verified.
- (2) The Director convenes the Executive Clemency Advisory Board. After review of clemency application packets, the board recommendations are forwarded to the Governor.
- (3) The board may table an application for consideration at a later date. Once submitted, the Governor takes the application under advisement.

■ Commutation Process:

- (1) A person must work with his/her case manager to obtain the Executive Clemency Application.
- (2) The case manager will assist the person by explaining the Executive Clemency Advisory Board Eligibility Criteria and offering guidance in completing the application and other pertinent documents that are required. [The eligibility criteria can be found on the CDOC's website.]
- (3) Once completed, the application packet is reviewed at the [prisoner's] facility to determine if criteria have been met. If the application is complete, CDOC's Office of Offender Services reviews and submits the comprehensive packet to the Director of Executive Clemency for further action.

- (4) The Director convenes the Executive Clemency Advisory Board.
- (5) After review of clemency application packets, the Board recommendations are forwarded to the governor.
- (6) Once submitted, the Governor takes the application under advisement.

APPLICATION LINKS

cdoc.colorado.gov/resources/clemency

[Executive Clemency Application:](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gr3QgSQI2j2RhdcD9jTrHsxUOzhakquG/view) drive.google.com/file/d/1gr3QgSQI2j2RhdcD9jTrHsxUOzhakquG/view