

State Clemency Resources

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

- Pardons
- Parole
- Reduction of minimum terms

Decisionmaker

The Hawaii Paroling Authority controls the process for parole and reduction of minimum terms, while the governor is the decisionmaker for pardons.

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Constitutional and statutory authority

- **Constitutional Authority:**
Haw. Const. Art. 5 § 5
- **Statutory Authority:**
Haw. Revised Stat. § 353-62

Eligibility Criteria

- Anyone convicted of a crime in Hawaii may apply for a pardon. People who are not serving a mandatory minimum sentence of imprisonment may apply for parole. The Hawaii Paroling Authority has several criteria for reduction of minimum terms, which you can find in its HPA Parole Handbook.

Application Process

■ Pardon Process:

- (1) Complete the pardon application form in black ink and ensure it's notarized.
- (2) You will need three people (who personally know you) to complete the character affidavits. The affidavits must also be signed before a notary.
- (3) If you served in the military, submit a copy of your DD-214 Form for verification of service.
- (4) Mail the documents to the Hawaii Paroling Authority: Hawaii Paroling Authority ATTN: Pardons and Paroles Administrator 1177 Alakea Street, Ground Floor Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813

- **Parole Process:** The Hawaii Paroling Authority automatically considers prisoners for parole when they become eligible. It conducts in person and online hearing to determine whether it will grant parole.

- **Reduction of Minimum Terms Process:** To obtain a reduction of minimum term, an incarcerated person must write to the parole to initiate a reduction.

APPLICATION LINK

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