

State Clemency Resources

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

- Pardon
- Commutation
- Reprieve

There is also the Ohio Governor's Expedited Pardon Project.

Decisionmaker

Exercised by the Governor after receipt of a recommendation from the Parole Board. The Governor may also direct the Parole Board to investigate and examine any case for the propriety of clemency.

Resources:

- drc.ohio.gov/about/capital-punishment/clemency/clemency
- ohioexpeditedpardon.org/can-i-apply
- governor.ohio.gov/priorities/expedited-pardon-project

Constitutional and statutory authority

- **Constitutional Authority:**
Ohio Const. art. III, § 11
- **Statutory Authority:**
Ohio Revised Code (ORC)
Title 29 Chapter 2967

Eligibility Criteria

- All people in custody may apply. The Parole Board's role in the clemency process includes both non-death penalty and death penalty cases.
- **Expedited Pardon Project:** In December 2019 as an alternative to the traditional clemency application process which is consistently bogged down with pardon requests from those who have not been rehabilitated. Exclusively for certain reformed ex-offenders, the Ohio Governor's Expedited Pardon Project gives qualifying applicants one-on-one application assistance and allows them to bypass the waitlist for pardon consideration.

[Eligibility for Expedited Pardon Project:](https://ohioexpeditedpardon.org/can-i-apply)
ohioexpeditedpardon.org/can-i-apply

Application Process

- Only the person seeking clemency or their legal representative can apply for clemency. To obtain an Application for Executive Clemency (10 pages) and the Application Instructions (3 pages) you may download PDF file from the website.
- To request receipt of these documents through regular U.S. mail, interested applicants may also contact: Ohio Parole Board, 4545 Fisher Road, Suite D, Columbus, Ohio 43228 or call us at (614) 752-1200 or toll-free at 1-888-344-1441.

APPLICATION LINKS

- [drc.ohio.gov/static/Clemency/Application%20Instructions%20\(2\).pdf](https://drc.ohio.gov/static/Clemency/Application%20Instructions%20(2).pdf)
- drc.ohio.gov/static/Clemency/Application%20for%20Executive%20Clemency.pdf