

State Clemency Resources

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

- Pardons
- Reprieves
- Commutations
- Restoration of voting rights

Decisionmaker

The State of Wyoming offers a Governors pardon only. The Governor reports to the legislature on each clemency grant and the reason for it. There is a ten year waiting period before a pardon may be requested and a five year waiting period before a restoration of rights may be requested, from the time of completion of sentence. Federal and out of state offenders are eligible. The process generally takes about 4-6 weeks. The only say the board of parole has is in the restoration of rights and in the commutation of the sentence. (connecticutpardonteam.org/other-us-states-pardon-expungement-information/wyoming-pardon-expungement-process/)

The Wyoming Board of Parole has a role only in commutation cases, and in statutory restoration of voting rights.

Resources:

- ccresourcecenter.org/state-restoration-profiles/wyomingrestoration-of-rights-pardon-expungement-sealing/
- boardofparole.wyo.gov/home

Constitutional and statutory authority

■ Constitutional Authority:

Wyo. Const. Art 4, § 5

The constitution also provides that the legislature may create crimes punishable by life without parole that cannot be pardoned and may limit commutation of a death sentence to unpardonable life without parole. Wyo. Const. Art. 3, § 53

■ Statutory Authority:

The Governor may also grant restoration of voting rights either by statute or through his pardon power. Wyo. Stat. §§ 6-10-106(a)(ii); 7-13-105(a).

Eligibility Criteria

Under applicable executive branch policy, persons seeking a pardon, or restoration of voting rights (other than nonviolent first offenders), must wait ten years and five years respectively (previously twenty years and ten years) from the time of completion of sentence before applying. The Governor's policy generally excludes persons convicted of sexual crimes or crimes involving a child as a victim from consideration.

Application Process

Pardon applications are submitted directly to the governor's office.

The statutes describing the process appear to contemplate petitions from people seeking commutation, as opposed to post-sentence pardons, and are barebones. See Wyo. Stat. Ann. §§ 7-13-803 through 806.

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APPLICATION LINKS

- [Restoration of Voting Rights Information:](http://corrections.wyo.gov/field-services-information/restoration-of-voting-rights)
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