

State Clemency Resources

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

Georgia offers seven forms of executive clemency:

- Parole
- Pardons
- Compassionate reprieve
- Medical reprieve
- Remissions (of fines, forfeitures, or penalties)
- Commutations
- Restoration of civil and political rights

Decisionmaker

The State Board of Pardons and Paroles

[Resources: pap.georgia.gov](https://pap.georgia.gov)

Constitutional and statutory authority

- **Constitutional Authority:**
Ga. Const. Art. 4 § 2
- **Statutory Authority:**
Ga. Code Tit. 42 § 42-9-42

Eligibility Criteria

The Georgia Department of Community Supervision lists the eligibility criteria for each form of clemency on the following pages:

- dcs.georgia.gov/reprieves-0#:~:text=The%20inmate%20must%20suffer%20from,of%20less%20than%2012%20months
- pap.georgia.gov/parole-consideration/parole-process-georgia#:~:text=Inmates%20convicted%20of%20a%20fourth,at%20their%20initial%20eligibility%20date
- [pap.georgia.gov/parole-consideration/pardons-restoration-rights#:~:text=You%20must%20have%20completed%20all,5\)%20years%20prior%20to%20applying.&text=You%20must%20have%20lived%20a,5\)%20years%20prior%20to%20applying.&text=You%20cannot%20have%20any%20pending%20charges.&text=All%20fines%20must%20be%20paid%20in%20full](https://pap.georgia.gov/parole-consideration/pardons-restoration-rights#:~:text=You%20must%20have%20completed%20all,5)%20years%20prior%20to%20applying.&text=You%20must%20have%20lived%20a,5)%20years%20prior%20to%20applying.&text=You%20cannot%20have%20any%20pending%20charges.&text=All%20fines%20must%20be%20paid%20in%20full)

Application Process

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- <https://pap.georgia.gov/parole-consideration/parole-process-georgia/reprieves-commutations>
- [https://pap.georgia.gov/parole-consideration/pardons-restoration-rights#:~:text=You%20must%20have%20completed%20all,5\)%20years%20prior%20to%20applying.&text=You%20must%20have%20lived%20a,5\)%20years%20prior%20to%20applying.&text=You%20cannot%20have%20any%20pending%20charges.&text=All%20fines%20must%20be%20paid%20in%20full](https://pap.georgia.gov/parole-consideration/pardons-restoration-rights#:~:text=You%20must%20have%20completed%20all,5)%20years%20prior%20to%20applying.&text=You%20must%20have%20lived%20a,5)%20years%20prior%20to%20applying.&text=You%20cannot%20have%20any%20pending%20charges.&text=All%20fines%20must%20be%20paid%20in%20full)

APPLICATION LINKS

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