

# 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. Prisoners 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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