State Clemency Resources

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

A pardon restores one’s right to hold public office and lifts occupational and licensing bars.

No pardon to a living person has been issued in more than a decade, which may explain the fact that there are only a handful of applicants each year. (Requirement of going to legislature for consent evidently discourages exercise of power.)

Eligibility Criteria

There is no express eligibility requirement – the process is unstructured and petitioners must comply with any rules and regulations respecting [pardon application] filing and hearing that [the governor] may from time to time prescribe.

- Expungement Eligibility:
  
  docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfI-ySNQNhbTTZafe7z2qEbPABU9snzewpc_acGYlwEjUNrOw/viewform

Application Process

Individuals must submit a written petition to the office of the Governor.

RI Office of the Attorney General
150 South Main Street
Providence, RI 02903
Phone: (401) 274-4400
E-mail: ag@riag.ri.gov

Decisionmaker

Power vested in governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, except in cases of impeachment.

Resources:

cciresourcecenter.org/
state-restoration-profiles/
rhode-island-restoration-of-
rightrights-pardon-expungement-
seling

riag.ri.gov/about-our-office/
contact-us

Constitutional and statutory authority

- Constitutional Authority:
  R.I. Const. art. IX, § 13
- Statutory Authority:
  R.I. Gen. Laws § 13-10-1