

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.)

Decisionmaker

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

Resources:

- 🔗 ccresourcecenter.org/state-restoration-profiles/rhode-island-restoration-of-rights-pardon-expungement-sealing
- 🔗 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

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/1FAIpQLSfl-ySNQNHBTTZafe7z2qEbPABU9snzwepc_acGYlwEjUNrOw/viewform

Application Process

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

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