

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION AND PARDON

QUICK REFERENCE FOR RESTORATION OF RIGHTS

In California, the granting of a Certificate of Rehabilitation or a Governor’s pardon restores to the applicant some rights of citizenship that were forfeited as a result of a conviction.

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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>DOES:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relieve <u>some</u> sex offenders, as specified, of further duty to register. (Pen. Code, § 290.5.) • Enhance a felon’s potential for licensing consideration by a State board. (Pen. Code, § 4853.) • Serve as an official document to demonstrate a felon’s rehabilitation, which could enhance employment possibilities. • Serve as an automatic application for a gubernatorial pardon. <p style="text-align: center;"><i>DOES NOT:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erase the felony conviction or seal the criminal record. (Pen. Code, § 4852.17.) • Prevent the offense from being considered as a prior conviction if the person is later convicted of a new offense. • Allow a felon to answer on employment applications that he/she has no record of conviction. • Give a felon the right to vote, because this right is automatically restored after discharge from parole. • Restore the right to own or possess firearms. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>DOES:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow a felon to serve on a jury trial. (Code Civ. Proc., § 203 subd. (a)(5).) • Allow restoration of firearms rights, upon federal approval, to specified offenders who have obtained a certificate of rehabilitation if granted a full and unconditional pardon, <i>unless</i> the conviction was for a felony involving the use of a dangerous weapon. (Pen. Code, §4852.17.) • Allow a felon to be considered for appointment as a county probation officer or a state parole agent, but not to any other peace officer positions. (Gov. Code, § 1029, subd. (c).) • Allow specified sex offenders still required to register after obtaining a Certificate of Rehabilitation to be relieved of their duty to register if granted a full and unconditional pardon. (Pen. Code, § 290.5.) <p style="text-align: center;"><i>DOES NOT:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seal or erase the record of conviction. (Pen. Code, § 4852.17.) • Prevent the pardoned offense from being considered as a prior conviction if the person is later convicted of a new offense. • Allow a pardoned person to answer on employment applications that he/she has no record of conviction. • Restore ability to own a firearm to felons convicted of any offense involving the use of a dangerous weapon. (Pen. Code, § 4854.) • Pardon convictions from another state, or federal convictions. • Necessarily prevent deportation.