

Restoration of Voting Rights in Maryland

Can I have my voting rights restored in Maryland if I have previously been convicted of a felony?

YES. Effective March 10, 2016, if you have been convicted of a felony AND have completed serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment, you are eligible to register to vote. You can register to vote even if you are on parole after your release.

However, if you were convicted of buying or selling votes, you are not eligible to register to vote, regardless of if you have completed your court-ordered sentence of imprisonment.

But what if I was released from my sentence early, can I still have my voting rights restored?

YES. As soon as you are released from the correctional facility, whether released on parole, or because you completed your sentence in full, you are eligible to register to vote.

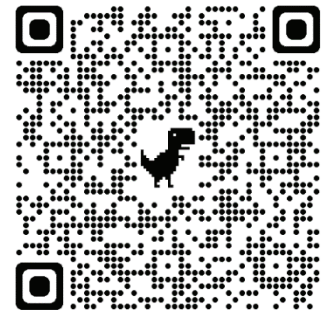
What if I am arrested again after my release?

It depends. If you are arrested for a misdemeanor, even if you are convicted, you are still eligible to register to vote, including while awaiting trial and while serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment. If you are arrested for a felony, even if you are remanded while awaiting trial, you can register and vote until you are convicted. If you are convicted again of a felony, you will have to wait until released again to be able to register to vote.

That's great news. But HOW do I register to vote?

Registering to vote is easy! Either complete the paper application given to you upon your release and return by mail to the local board of election in the county (or Baltimore City) where you live, or you can register online using your smartphone, a tablet, or a computer. Scan the QR Code to the right register online.

Scan to Register



What if I have more questions?

You can find information on how to register, how to request a mail-in ballot, and where to vote by going to <https://elections.maryland.gov/index.html>, or by scanning the QR Code to the right.

Scan for more information

