

Voting Rights Information for Probation Clients

How does my incarceration effect my voting eligibility?

You can register to vote if you are:

- A citizen of the United States of America;
- A resident of California;
- At least 18 years of age or older on or before election day;
- Not currently in state or federal prison for the conviction of a felony and
- Not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court (Please see [Voting Rights: Persons Subject to Conservatorship](#)).

Learn more! Visit the California Secretary of State's website for:

- [Voting Rights for Californians with Criminal Convictions or Detained in Jail or Prison](#)
- [California Secretary of State – Restore Your Vote](#)

Persons with a criminal history who CAN register to vote:

- In county jail:
 - serving a misdemeanor sentence (a misdemeanor never affects your right to vote)
 - Because jail time is a condition of probation (misdemeanor or felony)
 - Serving a felony jail sentence
 - Awaiting trial
- On parole
- On probation
- On mandatory supervision
- On post-release community supervision
- On federal supervised release
- A person with a juvenile wardship adjudication

Persons with a criminal history who CANNOT register and vote

- Currently serving a state or federal prison term for the conviction of a felony in:
 - State prison
 - Federal prison
 - County jail or other correctional facility*

NOTE: Once you have finished serving your term, your right to vote is restored; however, you must register online at RegisterToVote.ca.gov or by filling out a paper voter registration card.