



STATE OF NEW YORK
CERTIFICATE OF RELIEF FROM DISABILITIES

FOR COURT OR BOARD OF PAROLE

Docket, File or other Identifying No.

This certificate is issued to the holder to grant relief from all or certain enumerated disabilities, forfeitures, or bars to his/her employment automatically imposed by law by reason of his conviction of the crime or of the offense specified herein
This certificate shall NOT be deemed nor constructed to be a pardon.
SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR EXPLANATION OF THE LAW GOVERNING THIS CERTIFICATE.
The Original Certificate is to be presented to the person to whom awarded. One copy is to be retained by the issuing agency, and one copy is to be filed with the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services, 4 Tower Place, Albany, NY 12203-3702.

Form with sections for: 1. For Use by DCJS, 2. Last Name, First Name, M.I., 3. NYSID Number, 4. Crime or Offense for which Convicted, 5. Date of Arrest, 6. Date of Sentence, 7. Court of Disposition, 8. Certificate Issued by, 9. Date this Certificate Issued, 10. If this Certificate replaces Certificate of Relief from Disabilities previously issued, 11. CHECK ONE BOX ONLY, 12. This certificate shall be considered permanent/temporary, 13. Signature of Issuing Official(s), 14. Title(s), 15. Sex, 16. Race, 17. Height, 18. Date of Birth.

LAWS GOVERNING THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF RELIEF FROM DISABILITIES

(The laws governing the issuance of certificates of relief from disabilities are set forth in Article 23 of the New York State Correction Law. The excerpts below summarize certain portions of those laws and are set forth merely for convenience. They are not intended as administrative interpretations and they do not relieve any party of full knowledge of and compliance with the applicable provisions of law.)

This certificate is issued to relieve the holder, an “eligible offender” as defined in §700 of the Correction Law, of all or of enumerated forfeitures, disabilities, or bars to employment automatically imposed by law by reason of his conviction of the crime or offense specified on the face of this certificate.

This certificate shall be considered a “temporary certificate” where (1) issued by a court to a holder who is under a “revocable sentence” as defined in §700 of the Correction Law and the court’s authority to revoke such sentence has not expired, or (2) issued by the State Board of Parole and the holder is still under the supervision of the Board. Where the holder is under a revocable sentence, this certificate may be revoked by the court for violation of the conditions of such sentence and shall be revoked by the court if it revokes the sentence and commits the holder to an institution under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Correctional Services. Where the holder is subject to the supervision of the State Board of Parole, this certificate may be revoked by the Board for violation of the conditions of parole or release. Any such revocation shall be upon notice and after an opportunity to be heard. If this certificate is not so revoked, it shall become a permanent certificate upon expiration or termination of the court’s authority to revoke the sentence or upon termination of the jurisdiction of the Board of Parole over the holder.

RIGHTS OF RELIEF FROM DISABILITIES

- A. Where the certificate is issued by a court at the time sentence is pronounced, it covers forfeitures as well as disabilities. In any other case the certificate applies only to disabilities.
- B. A conviction of the crime or the offense specified on the face of this certificate shall **NOT** cause automatic forfeiture of any license, permit, employment or franchise, including the right to register for or vote at an election, or automatic forfeiture of any other right or privilege, held by the eligible offender and **covered** by the certificate. Nor shall such conviction be deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of any provision of law that imposes, by reason of a conviction, a bar to any employment, a disability to exercise any right or a disability to apply for or to receive any license, permit or other authority or privilege, covered by the certificate. Provided, however, that:
 - 1. no such certificate shall apply, or be construed so as to apply, to the right of such person to retain or to be eligible for public office; and
 - 2. a conviction for a second or subsequent violation of any subdivision of section eleven hundred ninety-two of the Vehicle and Traffic Law committed within the preceding ten years shall impose a disability to apply for or receive an operator’s license during the period provided in such law.
- C. A conviction of the crime or the offense specified on the face of this certificate shall **NOT** prevent any judicial, administrative, licensing or other body, board or authority from relying upon the conviction specified on the reverse side of this certificate as the basis for the exercise of its discretionary power to suspend, revoke, refuse to issue or renew any license, permit or other authority or privilege.