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Amendment 4 – Voting Restoration Frequently Asked Questions

What is Voting Restoration - Amendment 4?

On November 6, 2018, Florida voters passed Voting Restoration - Amendment 4.

The ballot language stated “This amendment restores the voting rights of Floridians with felony convictions after they complete all terms of their sentence including parole or probation. The amendment would not apply to those convicted of murder or sexual offenses, who would continue to be permanently barred from voting unless the Governor and Cabinet vote to restore their voting rights on a case by case basis.”

What does the passage of Amendment 4 mean for convicted felons who were previously deemed ineligible to register to vote or never registered to vote?

Effective January 8, 2019, convicted felons who meet the requirements of Amendment 4 (*those who have completed all terms of their sentence, including parole and probation, and were not convicted of murder or sexual offenses*) are eligible to register to vote.

How does someone know if their voting rights have been restored?

It is the applicant’s responsibility to affirm that all information submitted on the voter registration application is true [Florida Statute 97.053(5)(a)8].

The following Florida agencies have resources to assist applicants in verifying sentencing obligations:

- Florida Rights Restoration Coalition, (877) 698-6830, <https://floridarrc.com>
- Pasco County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, (352) 521-4542 or (727) 847-8031. <http://www.pascoclerk.com/public-gen-contact-info.asp#tel>
Please note: the applicant must call the Florida county where sentenced.
- Florida Department of Corrections (where supervised or incarcerated), (850) 488-5021, www.dc.state.fl.us

In addition, the Pasco County Supervisor of Elections is willing to assist applicants. Call (800) 851-8754, email webcomments@pascovotes.com or visit www.pascovotes.com.

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East Pasco - Dade City (352)521-4302
Central Pasco - Land O' Lakes (813) 929-2788
West Pasco - New Port Richey (727) 847-8162

If a voter was removed from the voter roll due to a felony conviction, will he/she be automatically re-registered to vote?

No. An applicant must re-register to vote. When completing a paper voter registration application, be sure to complete Sections 1 –7 and sign the oath at the bottom of the application. State law requires all voters to be registered at least 29 days before an election.

Applicants may register to vote:

- at any Pasco County Supervisor of Elections office <https://www.pascovotes.com/Supervisor-of-Elections/Office-Locations>
- online at pascovotes.com (requires a Florida Driver's License # or Florida ID #) <https://registertovoteflorida.gov/en/Registration/Index>
- at a voter registration agency (such as a Tax Collector's Office or Public Library). For a complete list of locations visit <https://www.pascovotes.com/Voters/Where-to-Pick-Up-an-Application>

After an applicant applies to register to vote, what happens next?

Within a few weeks of registering, the applicant should receive a Voter Information Card in the mail. If not received, please contact the Supervisor of Elections office to ensure we have the correct address.

Once registered, it is the responsibility of voters to keep registration information (signature, name, address and political party affiliation) up to date. Voters can update their information by visiting www.pascovotes.com or calling (800) 851-8754.