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Georgia Certificate of Sentence Completion & Discharge

What is it?

- A Certificate of Sentence Completion and Discharge (Certificate) demonstrates that people with felony convictions are no longer under correctional control and have paid their debt to society by completing their sentence.
- As of 2019, The Department of Community Supervision (DCS) is able to issue the Certificate.
- Issued under DCS administrative policy (DCS Policy 4.108).

Benefits

- Help people with felony convictions establish their sentence is complete for **prospective employers, landlords, lenders, and schools.**
- Reduce barriers to **voter registration** by establishing eligibility.
- Peace of mind for individuals with convictions and for victims that **the sentence is truly complete.**
- Satisfy government or private agencies that a person has met all obligations of their sentence and is suitable for further **assistance from public and private agencies.**

Eligibility

- Upon completion of criminal sentence (e.g. Probation & Parole).
- Fines and fees do not need to be paid in full to obtain a certificate.

Process

- Contact your original DCS probation office, or request from a local probation office.

For additional information visit <https://dcs.georgia.gov/> or contact DCS at (678) 783-4337.

Georgia Justice Project (GJP) has served low income people in Georgia who have been affected by the criminal justice system for over 30 years. GJP's range of direct services include holistic criminal defense paired with social service support, as well as representation for criminal records issues, all provided free of charge. GJP travels statewide to educate individuals and service providers on criminal records issues, and has helped to pass 19 Georgia laws through advocacy efforts. GJP believes in second chances after an arrest, and works to remove barriers to employment, housing, and other opportunities faced by those with a criminal record.