

Show You Are Off Paper!

Georgia Certificate of Sentence Completion

OFF PAPER = you have completed incarceration, parole, and probation.

What is a Certificate of Sentence Completion?

- A Certificate of Sentence Completion and Discharge (Certificate) demonstrates that a
 person with a felony conviction is no longer under correctional control and has
 completed their sentence.
- Issued by the Department of Community Supervision (DCS) under administrative policy (DCS Policy 4.108).

How can it be used?

- Helps people with felony convictions establish their sentence is complete for **prospective employers**, **landlords**, **lenders**, **and schools**.
- While not required for voting, a Certificate can help people who are having trouble registering to vote demonstrate eligibility. See <u>GJP.org/voting</u> for more information about voting rights.
- Peace of mind for individuals with convictions and for victims that the sentence is truly complete.
- Satisfies government or private agencies that a person has met all obligations of their sentence and is eligible for further assistance from public and private agencies.

Eligibility

Felony sentence is complete, including parole and probation.

How can I obtain one?

- Contact your original DCS probation office, or request from your <u>local probation office</u>.
- If you have more questions regarding sentence completion and voting, contact GJP at 404-827-0027 ext. 248 or Ann@GJP.org.

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