

CHAPTER 71

PAROLE

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SUBCHAPTER 1. BOARD ORGANIZATION

10A:71-1.1 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

“Adult inmate” shall mean any person sentenced as an adult to a term of incarceration.

“Board” shall mean the New Jersey State Parole Board.

“Chief Executive Officer” shall mean any administrator, warden, superintendent or keeper of any county correctional facility or State correctional facility.

“Commission” shall mean the Juvenile Justice Commission established pursuant to section 2 of P.L. 1995, c.284 (N.J.S.A. 52:17B-170).

“Commissioner” shall mean the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Corrections.

“Consulting with” shall mean providing adequate notice, such as but not limited to an agenda, of proposed action, and an opportunity for input reasonably prior to any formal action by the New Jersey State Parole Board or its Chairperson.

“County correctional facilities” shall mean all institutions operated by county authorities to which offenders are committed under sentence as adults and shall include all jails and facilities where sentenced offenders may, from time to time, be housed.

“County inmate” shall mean an inmate who is:

1. Sentenced to serve a term of incarceration of 364 days or less or terms which, in the aggregate, do not exceed 364 days in a county jail facility; or

2. Sentenced to serve a term of incarceration not to exceed 18 months or terms which in aggregate, do not exceed 18 months in a county penitentiary or a workhouse.

“County Penitentiary/Workhouse” shall mean a county correctional facility designated by the Board of Chosen Freeholders to house offenders sentenced to terms of imprisonment not exceeding 18 months.

(b) The Certificate of Good Conduct does not imply pardon and under no circumstances is it to be construed as forgiving, absolving or mitigating the offense(s).

(c) Issuance of a Certificate of Good Conduct pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:168A-1, et seq. precludes a licensing authority, as defined in N.J.S.A. 2A:168A-2, from disqualifying or discriminating against the applicant because of any conviction for a crime unless N.J.S.A. 2C:51-2 is applicable.

Amended by R.1985 d.213, effective May 6, 1985.
See: 16 N.J.R. 3391(a), 17 N.J.R. 1096(a).
Substituted "2C:51-2" for "2A:93-5".

10A:71-8.2 Eligibility

(a) An application for a Certificate of Good Conduct shall not be entertained unless the applicant meets all of the following requirements:

1. The applicant previously was paroled by the Board.
2. If the applicant is presently on parole, at least one year must have expired since release to parole supervision.
3. The applicant is not presently incarcerated.
4. At least two years have passed since the date any similar application was denied, unless the Board determines that significant information exists which provides a basis for a waiver of this limitation.

Amended by R.1994 d.273, effective June 6, 1994.
See: 26 N.J.R. 1193(a), 26 N.J.R. 2287(a).

10A:71-8.3 Procedure

(a) The applicant shall apply to the Board for a Certificate of Good Conduct on forms prescribed and furnished by the Board.

(b) Upon receipt of the application, the Board shall initiate a confidential investigation which shall contain all pertinent information, with particular reference to the need the applicant has for the use he or she expects to make of the certificate.

(c) The applicant shall be required to furnish all documentary evidence required by the Board, except as herein provided.

(d) The applicant shall have the right to restrict the Board's investigation. In such a case, the Board's investigator shall note in his or her report the limitations placed on the inquiry by the applicant, and the Board shall evaluate such limitations when considering the application.

10A:71-8.4 Criteria

The Board shall evaluate the application on the basis of the applicant having achieved a degree of rehabilitation indicating that his or her engaging in the proposed employment would not be incompatible with the welfare of society.

10A:71-8.5 Notification

(a) The Board shall notify the applicant of its decision within 30 days of the date the application was considered.

(b) A copy of the Certificate of Good Conduct, if granted, shall be filed with the Secretary of State.

10A:71-8.6 Revocation of Certificate of Good Conduct

The Board may revoke a Certificate of Good Conduct for good cause.

10A:71-8.7 Board action

The Board shall grant a revoke of Certificate of Good Conduct by majority vote of its members.