

A **PARDON** is a decision made by the governor to excuse someone who has been convicted of a crime. Once the pardon is granted, the record becomes eligible for expungement. Pardons are available for all misdemeanor and felony convictions, and you can apply at any time.

Understand it is a long process (sometimes more than four years), and we recommend waiting until you:

- Have at least five years from the completion of a misdemeanor sentence and ten years from the completion of a felony sentence
- Have paid all fines, costs, and restitution related to the case

If you have questions or If what is described is true or are not sure...Contact the Bucks County Public Defender's Office at 215-348-6473