



**Superior Court of the District of Columbia
Criminal Division
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How to Receive a Certificate of Innocence

If you are seeking a Certificate of Innocence for an adult felony conviction pursuant to the Unjust Conviction and Imprisonment Compensation Amendment Act of 2017 (D.C. Code § 2-241, et seq.), you are required to file a Motion to Seal on the Grounds of Actual Innocence pursuant to D.C. Code § 16-802 or a Motion to Vacate Conviction on the Grounds of Actual Innocence pursuant to D.C. Code § 22-4135.

If a judicial officer grants your Motion to Seal or Vacate on the Grounds of Actual Innocence, the Court will issue a signed order that you may use as a Certificate of Innocence.

If you have questions about this process, please refer to [How to File a Motion to Seal](#) or contact:

- The Criminal Motion Seal Team at CriminalMotionSealTeam@dcsc.gov or 202-879-1362 (if seeking a Certificate of Innocence pursuant to D.C. Code § 16-802), or
- CriminalCustomerService@dcsc.gov (if seeking a Certificate of Innocence pursuant to D.C. Code § 22-4135).