



**Te Kāhui  
Tātari Ture**  
Criminal Cases  
Review Commission

# Application form for review of conviction or sentence, or both

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Do you believe you have been  
wrongly convicted or sentenced  
for a crime in New Zealand?

The New Zealand Criminal Cases Review Commission (CCRC) is responsible for reviewing cases where a person believes they were wrongly convicted or sentenced.

We can review your case and if we consider there are grounds for it to be referred, we have the power to refer your case back to an appeal court.

An important factor we will consider is whether or not you have used all your rights of appeal.

We do not determine guilt or innocence. If your case is referred, you will be given a new hearing in an appeal court.

## What you should know before you apply

- › Our job is to review your case independently and make a referral if we consider there are grounds for it to be referred. We do not act as your lawyer, but we are independent from the police and the courts.
- › To help us with our review, we will need to get a bit of information about you and your case.
- › If you would like us to help you complete your application, please contact us on **0800 33 77 88** and we can work through the application with you.
- › Alternatively, you may like to ask a family member, friend or someone you trust to help you complete the form.
- › You are welcome to work with a lawyer, however there is no requirement to do so.
- › There are no costs to make an application to us and if you would like to use a lawyer, you may be entitled to apply for legal aid.

**Please try to complete as much of this form as you can, but don't worry if you can't answer everything.**

If English is not your main language, please get in touch and we can organise for someone to help you to complete the form.

Once you have completed the form, please send the form and any supporting documents to:



**New Zealand Criminal Cases Review Commission  
PO Box 9168  
Hamilton 3240  
New Zealand**

or email:



**info@ccrc.nz**



## Are you OK to do this form?

Would you like some help to complete your application?

We can help you to do this – please call us on **0800 33 77 88**.



Would you prefer to tell us about your case in another language?

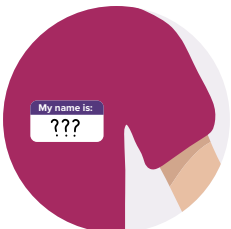
Would you like some help to complete your application?

## What we need to know about you

Please try to complete as much of this form as you can, but don't worry if you can't answer everything.



**1** By what title would you prefer we use? (i.e. Mr, Mrs etc.)



**2** What is your first name(s)?

**3** What is your first surname?



**4** If you have been known by a different name(s), please provide those name(s) here?

**5** Do you have a preferred name?



**6** How do you identify your gender?

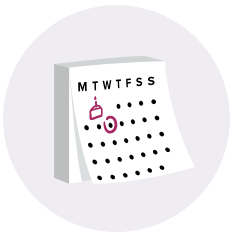
Male

Female

Prefer not so say

Self-describe:

**7** Which gender pronouns would you like us to use?



**8** What is your date of birth? (DD/MM/YYYY)



**9** Do you identify with or whakapapa to one or more of the following ethnic groups?

NZ European

Tongan

Māori

Niuean

Samoaan

Chinese

Cook Island Māori

Indian



**10** Do you identify with, or whakapapa to an iwi?

Yes

No

If so, please let us know which iwi:



**11** Have you applied to us, the Royal prerogative of mercy, NZ Public Interest Project or Innocence project before?

Yes

No

## Details of whānau friends or supporters



**12** Is someone helping you with this application?

Yes

No



**13** Is someone helping you with this application?

Name

Address

Email

Phone number



**14** What is their relationship to you?

Family or whānau

Friend or supporter

Lawyer

Other - please give details:



**15** Are there any lawyers who may have papers about your case? If yes please provide details:

Lawyer's name

Law firm

Phone number

Email



If you had a second lawyer:

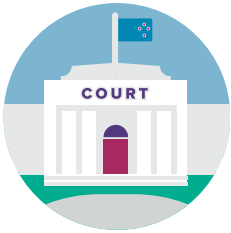
Lawyer's name

Law firm

Phone number

Email

## What we need to know about your case



**16** What was the name of the court where you were convicted?

District Court

**OR**

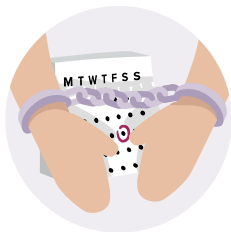
High Court



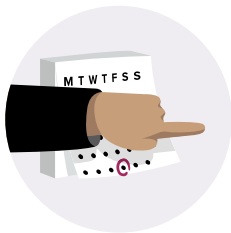
**17** In what town or city were you convicted?



**18** If you know your court case number, please let us know here.



**19** What date were you convicted?



**20** What date were you sentenced?





**21** Were you convicted with other people?

Yes                      No

**22** If yes, what were their names?



**23** What crime(s) were you found guilty of?



**24** For this crime, did you say you were:

Guilty                      Not Guilty



**25** Would you like us to look at your conviction for this crime?

Yes                      No



**26** What sentence were you given at court?



**27** If you were sent to prison, how long was your sentence?



**28** Would you like us to look at your sentence for this crime?

Yes

No



**29** Are you in prison?

Yes – please answer Questions 30– 32.

No – please move to Question 33.

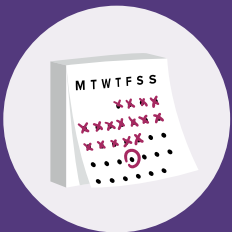


*If you are in prison:*

**30** If you were sent to prison, how long was your sentence?



**31** What is the name of the prison you are in?

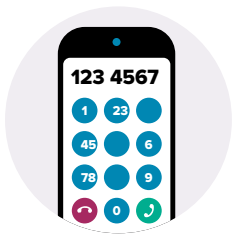


**32** When is your release date?

I do not know my release date



**33** What is your home address?



**34** If you have a telephone number, what is it?



**35** If you have an email address, what is it?

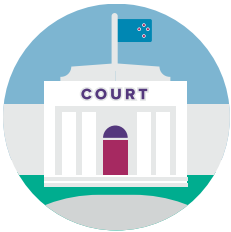
## Your appeal history



### 36 Have you asked the court for an appeal?

Yes – please answer Questions 30– 32.

No – please let us know why not , then go to Question 42.



### 37 Was your appeal heard in a court?

Yes

No

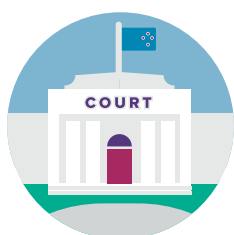


**38** Was your appeal against:

Your conviction

Your sentence

Both



**39** Please let us know which court your appeal was in

High Court

Court of Appeal

Supreme Court



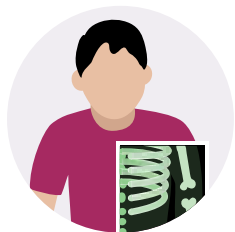
**40** If you know your appeal number, please let us know here.

## Tell us here why you think you didn't get justice in your case

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For us to refer your case back to an appeal court, we must first review all the material and then consider if there are grounds for it to be referred. If you would like some help explaining what went wrong, you may like to speak with whānau or a friend, or call us on **0800 33 77 88** and we can help you with this.

You can continue on separate pieces of paper if you need to.



## 42 Special circumstances

If you have any special circumstances which may apply in your case, such as your health, or the health of a witness, please let us know here.



## 43 Supporting documents

Please let us know the documents you are sending to us with this form.

## Your signature

### By signing below you agree that:

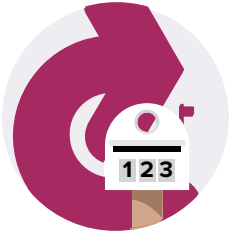
- You want the New Zealand Criminal Cases Review Commission (CCRC) to review your case.  
The CCRC may use the information you have provided in this form to assist in reviewing your case.
- To review your case fully, the information provided in this form may be provided to third parties for the purposes of the review.
- The CCRC may make inquiries of third parties to establish details in your case.
- You consent to the uplift by the CCRC, of all the materials on all files held by your past and present lawyers, including privileged materials on those files.
- You understand that you are being asked to waive legal professional privilege. This means that any and all confidential information held by, and records of discussions you had with, a lawyer before and during your trial, appeal or after your appeal will be made available to the CCRC.
- You are not legally required to waive privilege, but a failure to do so may prevent the CCRC from accessing important information and cause delays in the progress of your application.
- You may want to obtain legal advice on these matters before you sign this application. If you need legal help in understanding this application, and in its completion, you can apply for legal aid if you want to.

Signature

Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

Please remember to include with this form, any papers or other material you think the CCRC needs to look at for your case.





When you have filled in this form, please send it to us at:



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PO Box 9168  
Hamilton 3240  
New Zealand

or email:



[info@ccrc.nz](mailto:info@ccrc.nz)



It would help us to reach out to other people who might need the CCRC if we knew how you found out about us.

**How did you find out about us?**

Prison sources (e.g. posters or prison staff)

Other prisoners

Friends or whānau

Press, TV or radio

Internet

Lawyer

Other: