

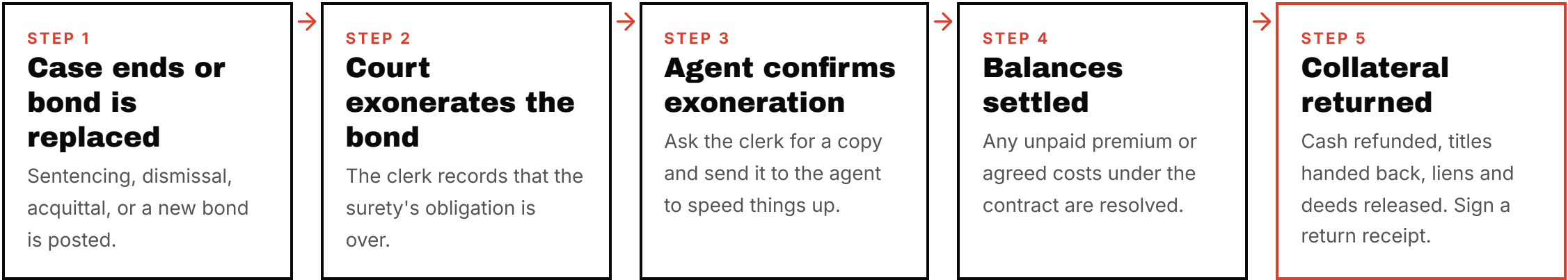
Collateral Types & How You Get It Back

What agents commonly accept, and the steps to release it when the bond ends.

COMMON FORMS OF COLLATERAL

Cash or cashier's check Held in a trust or collateral account and refunded by check.	Real estate Secured by a deed of trust or mortgage, released by recording a reconveyance.	Vehicle title Title held by the agent, sometimes with a lien recorded.
Card authorization A hold or authorization that is cancelled when the bond ends.	Savings, CDs or bonds Assigned or held until exoneration.	Valuables Jewelry or other property, where the agent accepts it, with a written inventory.

RELEASE PROCESS



COLLATERAL IS NOT THE PREMIUM → the premium pays for the bond and is kept; collateral is security and comes back when obligations are met.

IT CAN BE USED IF → the defendant skips and the bond is forfeited, or contract costs go unpaid. Read the collateral receipt and agreement before signing.

Common practice only. What an agent accepts, how collateral is held, and the deadline to return it are set by state law, the surety and your written agreement. Get an itemized collateral receipt, keep a copy of the exoneration, and contact your state regulator if collateral isn't returned.

Sources: Cal. Code Regs. tit. 10, §§ 2088, 2088.2, 2089; Pa. R. Crim. P. 528; California Department of Insurance.