

What Can I do to Help Prepare for my Parole Hearing?

- The Parole Board expects every parole eligible inmate to utilize and take advantage of the various rehabilitative and treatment programs, and educational and vocational opportunities at your disposal while you are incarcerated.
- The Board also looks favorably upon those inmates that conduct themselves in a manner that keeps them free of disciplinary action throughout their incarceration. You are expected to be active in all the programs that are recommended in your personal development plan (PDP).
- Fulfillment of the PDP will be vital to your release consideration. At the time your case is reviewed, be cooperative with your Parole Officer. It is imperative that you be honest and forthright in your interview. Individual responsibility is the key to your success. Compliance with your PDP will put you on a successful path to the possibility of parole and reintegration into the community.

What Happens if I Violate my Parole Conditions?

Enforcing the Conditions of Parole is a fundamental responsibility of the Parole Officer.

Types of violations include:

- Criminal - any activity resulting in arrest for violation of any criminal law.
- Technical - any behavior of a non-criminal nature that violated other Conditions of Parole.
- Absconding - the failure of parolees to maintain contact with the parole system.

If it is determined that the offender violated any of the conditions above, a breach report will be submitted to the Governor/Parole Board asking for the offender to be returned to prison.

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What is Parole?

Parole is a form of early release granted to an inmate to serve the remainder of his or her sentence in the community under supervision.

What is the Parole Board?

The Parole Board is an independent agency that receives administrative support from the Probation and Rehabilitation Unit and other external agencies. The Board is responsible for the parole decision-making process and all terms and conditions of parole.

The Parole Board reviews all applications thoroughly and makes a recommendation to the Governor. The Board recommends inmates to be release only if it appears that there is a reasonable probability that the inmate will live and remain a law-abiding citizen without re-offending, and that such release will not put the welfare of society at risk.



Am I Eligible for Parole?

Parole is not a right or entitlement. Parole is considered a privilege for prisoners who seem capable of re-entering the community without re-offending or posing significant risk.

You are only eligible for parole after serving one third of your sentence or twelve months thereof, whichever is the longer period.

Additionally, individuals who were sentenced to a period of incarceration without the possibility of parole are not eligible.

What is the Process for Applying?

1. Once you have reached your eligibility date, you will be required to complete an application and submit it to the Parole Board. You will be required to submit a job and accommodation letter. You can also submit letters of recommendation if you desire to do so.
2. The Parole Officer assigned to your case will review your application and conduct an interview. The information obtained in the interview will be compiled in a report that is submitted to the Parole Board. You will be asked questions regarding your criminal and social history, housing, employment, education and plans if released

3. A package will be compiled with information obtained from the relevant agencies. Once the package is completed, your case will be placed on the first available hearing for the Parole Board. You may be required to attend an interview with the Parole Board.
4. It is the sole decision of the Governor /Parole Board as to whether they will release you to parole or not. Some cases may be denied with no further consideration. Others may be denied and a new hearing date set for the future. And for those who are voted to parole, conditions will be set and a date given for release.

What is a Parole Lincense?

The Parole of Prisoner's Ordinances requires the Parole Board to establish terms, rules and conditions of parole. Conditions are established both by policy and on an individual basis. They are intended to provide guidance to parolees as to acceptable standards of conduct and to assist them in addressing treatment needs. The enforcement of these conditions is a fundamental responsibility of your supervising Parole Officer.