



Top 10 Questions Asked at...

York County PVC

York County Prison is providing housing and programs to reentrants the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole (PBPP) has identified as needing enhanced supervision and programming.

1. How long is my time here?

The minimum of 90 days. The release date is contingent upon: 1) completion of programs; 2) your Board Action; 3) completion of 90 days; and, 4) approval of a home plan or CCC. If you are low risk (LSI-R 19 and under), you do not need to take programs.

2. What are the required programs?

You should be evaluated for programs within 30 days of arrival. Classes are:

- Back on Track Outside
- AOD-moderate
- AOD-high
- Relationships (voluntary basis)
- Money Matters (voluntary basis)

If you score 19 or less on a current LSI-R assessment, you are not required to complete any programs. Counselors will be absent for illnesses, vacations, holidays, etc. and you will make up classes missed (if necessary) at their convenience.

3. What if I refuse a program or work?

If you refuse to take programs or a work assignment, a memo will be sent to the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole. They will review your case and your length of stay could be adjusted.

4. How do I make parole plans?

Your block counselor can give you a parole plan application. Completed forms will be forwarded to the state parole agent handling the PVC. Parole plans are good for four months. You may be paroled to an approved home plan, or be transferred to a non-specialized center for reentry services that is closer to your release destination. A Joint Case Review Team (which includes a parole agent) shall determine if you will require placement at a non-specialized center. If placement is required, a second bed date will be requested.

5. How do I get released?

Your release date is contingent upon: 1) your Board Action; 2) completion of programs; 3) completion of 90 days; and, 4) approval of a home plan or CCC. We do not have your release date listed in our computer system. The Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole tells us when to release you. A few days before or the day of your release, a records officer will speak to you about transportation. If you do not have transportation, you will be given a local bus pass.

Please Note: It may take 2-4 weeks for your release from prison after the completion of programs. If you are a "recommit," your case will be handled by a state institutional parole agent. You may submit a request slip or write to the agents a PBPP | PO Box 8837 | Harrisburg, PA 17001-8837.

6. What is release review?

Your "reentry review" will happen approximately 45-50 days after your Joint Review Meeting. This is the meeting with the Department of Corrections, Parole Board and York County Prison representatives who tell you what classes you need to take. It does NOT happen 45 days after your arrival here.

7. What are the results of disciplinary infractions?

If you:

- 1) Commit a disciplinary infraction involving assaultive behavior, sexual assault, a weapon or controlled substance;
- 2) Spend more than 90 days in segregated housing due to one or more disciplinary infractions;
- 3) Refuse programming or a work assignment; or
- 4) Have non-completion of the program

This will result in immediate violation/revocation of parole or pre-release status. If a disciplinary infraction results in the reentrant becoming a level 3, he will be removed from the program.

Please note: This is not an exhaustive list of reasons one can be removed from the PV Center program.

8. Can I be unsuccessful discharged from the program?

If you are unsuccessfully discharged from the PVC program, an appropriate hearing/decision will be made depending on the process used to place you in the PVC. If this occurs, you will be notified of the final decision by a Board Action.

9. What are some of the differences from a state prison?

You do not get idle pay. You do not get "good time." You do not get free envelopes. You do not get free haircuts unless you are indigent for 90 days. You cannot go to work release.

10. Who is my contact parole agent?

An assigned state institutional parole agent is in charge of all PVC reentrants at the York County Prison.

Reentrants may write to:

Harrisburg Institutional Unit

PA Board of Probation and Parole

PO Box 8837

Harrisburg, PA 17001-8837.

The York County Prison CS-PVC coordinator is Staff Development Manager Kristal A. Abenshon.