



North Carolina Department of Public Safety

Community Corrections

Completing Parole/Post Release *Successfully*

Introduction

This pamphlet was created to explain the requirements of supervision and to clarify the assistance you can receive from your Probation/Parole Officer and others. Periodically, changes may occur in supervision circumstances or conditions and your supervising officer will advise you of the changes. The purposes of supervision following incarceration are to help you adjust to being back in the community, ensure you lead a law abiding life and monitor your activities and compliance while on supervision. Enforcing the conditions from the North Carolina Post Release Supervision and Parole Commission is part of the supervision process and your Probation/Parole Officer will review the conditions with you.

What happens after I am released from prison?

At your first appointment, your supervising officer will review the Parole/Post Release agreement with you and the expectations of supervision to include regular and special conditions of parole or post release and any money you must pay to the State of North Carolina.

Every person on Parole or Post Release will be assessed for their risk and needs during the first 60 days of supervision. The information is gathered by your supervising officer through home visits, office contacts, family contacts and the supervising officer's observations which will help establish your priorities during supervision. The assessments help your supervising officer determine how often you will need to report and understand your needs which are related to your risk of re-arrest. Your officer will help you begin to work toward your goals and review these, along with your supervision conditions on a regular basis.

Parole/Post Release

The laws of North Carolina require that you spend a specific amount of time under parole or post release supervision. The Commission is responsible for ordering special conditions of supervision. The same regular conditions apply to everyone under supervision. Special conditions are those conditions that are specific to your case, and may or may not be the same for someone convicted of a similar offense. Circumstances in your case are unique, so the special conditions of parole/post release will be different.

Referrals to Community Resources and Interventions

Your supervising officer may refer you for assistance with the following: drug/alcohol problems, anger management, mental health, job readiness, vocational rehabilitation, education, housing assistance, parenting, family counseling, residential treatment or consumer credit counseling. The supervising officer may utilize Treatment Accountability for a Safer Community (TASC) to help bridge these services, if applicable. You will have the opportunity to make positive changes in your life with the assistance of the agencies in your community. In addition to the conditions ordered by the North Carolina Post Release Supervision and Parole Commission, your supervising officer will ask you to complete worksheets designed to assist you in thinking about how your choices are affecting your behavior.

Rewards and Consequences with Supervision

When individuals are in compliance with the conditions of supervision, the supervising officer may give incentives or rewards such as changing curfews, allowing time for family activities, requesting modification of conditions, less frequent drug screening, and decreasing frequency of reporting.

Your Success is Our Goal

When an individual does not comply, the supervising officer has a duty to respond. Possible consequences include having additional conditions imposed by the Commission or a formal violation hearing before the Commission which may result in partial or permanent revocation of supervision and your return to prison.

If violations are alleged against you and the Commission issues a warrant for your arrest, upon service of the warrant, you will be placed in custody without bond and held until a preliminary hearing is scheduled. Preliminary hearings are to be held within 7 working days of being placed in jail.

Periods of Confinement

For offenders released on Post Release with offense dates on or after 12/1/2011, the North Carolina Post Release Supervision and Parole Commission may order a 3 month period of reinprisonment for violations other than a new criminal offense or statutory absconding. Depending on the length of your supervision, the Commission may order three periods of confinement before revoking the remainder of your sentence.

Payments

A condition of your parole/post release may require you to pay the State of North Carolina certain costs, fees and restitution associated with violating the laws of the State of North Carolina. Amounts are specified by the Commission.

Your supervising officer will set a payment schedule (including the supervision fee). This is the amount you must pay each month in order to complete your Parole/Post Release Supervision. You may pay more on the monthly payment if you wish, but the minimum payment is required. You may also pay all fees owed at one time.

Payments are to be made to the Clerk in the county where you were convicted. Online payments can be made using the OCAP system at <http://onlineservices.nccourts.org/OCAP>. Please have the county where you were convicted and your case number available when paying online.

It is important to keep the lines of communication open between you and your supervising officer. You are required to meet with your supervising officer as specified on the date and time set by the officer. If you can not keep a scheduled appointment, you must call your Probation/Parole Officer ahead of time when possible.

It is in your best interest to comply with the conditions ordered by the North Carolina Post Release Supervision and Parole Commission or your Supervising Officer. By abiding by both the regular and special conditions you can avoid any violations and will successfully complete your period of parole or post release.

Emergency Contact

In the event of a natural disaster or catastrophe (hurricanes, tornados, fire, etc.) and you are unable to contact your officer due to the probation office or your residence being affected, then you are to telephone one of the following locations until you reach someone in order for us to know your whereabouts and status during the emergency. You should first attempt to contact your assigned officer.

Voting Rights

If you are convicted of a felony in North Carolina, you forfeit your citizenship rights, including the right to vote. If you had registered to vote prior to your conviction, the registration has been cancelled by the County Board of Elections pursuant to N.C.G.S. 163-55. Upon completion of your sentence, your voting rights are restored (N.C.G.S. 13-1). **It shall be unlawful for any person convicted of a crime which excludes the person from the right of suffrage, to vote at any primary or election without having been restored to the right of citizenship in due course and by the method provided by law.** N.C.G.S. 163-275(5)