



# Case Plan Credit Time: A New Way to Award Earned Credit

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ABOUT CPCT



**Q: Who is eligible for CPCT?**

A: Any incarcerated individual who arrived at their initial housing facility on or after January 1, 2022, and who had at least 180 days to serve from that date. Incarcerated individuals who were serving IDOC time before January 1, 2022, and had at least 180 days to serve after that date were given the option to opt into CPCT or remain under the previous time cut structure. Parole violators who were in CPCT, will remain eligible for CPCT, if returned to incarceration and have at least 180 days to serve after their initial IPB hearing. Parole violators who did not opt-in previously will remain in the traditional time-cut structure unless returned with new charges making them automatically enrolled in CPCT.

**Q: What are the benefits of CPCT?**

A: The Individual Case Plan incorporates traditional services such as Addiction Recovery Treatment, vocational and education training, and many other programs that may reduce a person's likelihood of recidivism. CPCT gives low risk incarcerated individuals access to earning credit time that they otherwise would not receive due to being ineligible for programs based on risk. Incarcerated individuals with cognitive, mental health, and/or medical conditions, which prevent them from formal programming are eligible to earn credit time in CPCT based on treatment progress and behavior.

**Q: How much CPCT time am I eligible for?**

A: CPCT is designed to give an incarcerated individual approximately one day for every three days spent under CPCT and requires the incarcerated individual to have a current case plan. The maximum amount of CPCT time that can be awarded across an entire episode of incarceration is the least of three options. 1.) One-third of the time the incarcerated individual has to serve upon arrival at their initial permanent housing facility; 2.) One-third of the total sentence term; or 3.) The statutory maximum allowed (*2 years under the new code or four years under the old code*).

**Q: Is CPCT retroactive?**

A: No, CPCT began on January 1, 2022. Incarcerated individuals have the opportunity to earn the remainder of the maximum number of allowable credit days by making progress on their individual case plan.

**Q: What factors in CPCT determine time cuts?**

A: The personalized goals or program referrals on the incarcerated individual's case plan that they comply with or are making progress towards, their job participation or general facility behavior if not employed, if applicable, progress towards a treatment goal. Statutory conduct requirements do apply (*in some cases an incarcerated individual could pass their review but not be statutorily eligible for the time cut*).

**Q: How does CPCT work if an incarcerated individual has multiple sentences?**

A: The amount of time someone is eligible to receive or the number of reviews they receive is NOT affected by the number of sentences in an episode or by whether those sentences are served concurrently or consecutively.

**Q: How long does a CPCT time cut take to be processed?**

A: The Facility completes CPCT reviews based on an incarcerated individual's review date. Central Office then has a two-step process and in both steps the reviews are processed based SOLELY ON AN INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL'S CURRENT PRD. Legacy time cuts have always been processed by Central Office based on PRD.

**Q: Why does the amount of CPCT time I am eligible for not start until I arrive at my first permanent housing facility?**

A: This is because an incarcerated individual can NOT participate in CPCT until they have a case plan. An incarcerated individual does NOT have a case plan until they are at their first permanent housing facility. IDOC cannot give CPCT time for time not spent under CPCT structure.

**Q: How are review dates determined?**

A: First, the number of reviews is calculated based on how long the incarcerated individual has to serve upon arrival at their first permanent housing facility. Then the maximum amount of credit time possible plus 45 days for re-entry planning is subtracted from the length of sentence and the reviews are split into even periods.

**Q: Who do I contact if I still have questions?**

A: Incarcerated individuals should see their assigned caseworker. Members of the public can email: [doccpct@idoc.in.gov](mailto:doccpct@idoc.in.gov).