



# Inmate Population Fact Sheet

## Connecticut Department of Correction

### Risk Reduction Earned Credit

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#### **Risk Reduction Earned Credit (RREC)**

The Department of Correction (DOC) will apply retroactive credits systematically in order to provide support to the offender for successful release while ensuring public safety in accordance with the DOC mission statement.

*Inmates are not entitled to immediate release* as earned credit is awarded at the discretion of the Commissioner of Correction in accordance with Public Act 11-51, section a.

#### **RREC Eligibility:**

- Inmates convicted of CGS 53a-54a, 53a-54b, 53a-54c, 53a-54d, 53a-70a, and 53a-100aa, and Criminal Liability for one of the above noted offenses, are not eligible to earn RREC.
- Inmates are not eligible to earn 5 days per month retroactively for the month(s) in which they received a Class A or B disciplinary report, spent time in restrictive status including Administrative Segregation, Security Risk Group Safety Threat Member, Chronic Discipline, or Special Needs.
- Inmates will not be eligible to earn retroactive credit for any time they spent unsentenced.
- Inmate on escape or absconder status will not be eligible. Also, an offender will not earn credit for the month(s) for which they maintained escape/absconder status.
- Inmates with an offense date prior to October 1, 1994 are not eligible for earned credit as they are eligible for Statutory Good Time.

#### **RREC Retroactive Application (if applicable)**

##### **EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011, THE DOC WILL HAVE ONE (1) CALENDAR YEAR TO APPLY RETROACTIVE CREDIT.**

- Retroactive RREC will be applied if an offender was serving a sentence from April 1, 2006, through October 1, 2011; any credits earned may only be earned for time during which the inmate is sentenced and committed to the Commissioner of Correction and shall not be transferred or applied to any other subsequent sentence or term of imprisonment.
- For inmates whose new discharge date will be on or after October 1, 2012, if all RREC is applied, the RREC will be automatically applied on October 1, 2011. Time sheets will be distributed on or about January 2012.
- Inmates will be notified individually of all retroactive RREC applied to their sentence by classification or records staff members.

#### **Future RREC Application:**

- Inmates convicted of CGS 53a-54a, 53a-54b, 53a-54c, 53a-54d, 53a-70a, and 53a-100aa, and Criminal Liability for one of the above noted offenses, are not eligible to earn RREC.
- Effective October 1, 2011, sentenced inmates who are in compliance with the Offender Accountability Plan and maintain good conduct may be eligible to earn up to 5 days per month. Details regarding eligibility are outlined in the CN9701 form, Offender Accountability Plan.
- RREC will be applied at the beginning of the month for the preceding month with the earliest prospective posting being displayed on November 1, 2011.
- Inmates will forfeit RREC for receipt of a Class A and B disciplinary report(s) and will also not be eligible to earn RREC for the month in which the disciplinary report was received.
- RREC will not be applied to a period of Special Parole. Inmates who are returned from Special Parole with a new sentence may **only** earn RREC on the new conviction.
- Credit not earned cannot be restored.

#### **Mandatory Sentences**

- An offender may earn credit while serving a mandatory sentence; however, in no event shall any RREC be applied to **reduce** a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment an inmate is required to serve by statute.