

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):

1. How can family members submit proof of programming completion?

Families may submit proof of programming completion to the following email address:
DOC.ProgramServices@illinois.gov

***Please note that the above email address will only serve as a repository for received documents pertaining to Public Act 101-0440.**

2. How can men and women in custody submit proof of programming completion?

Proof of programming completion should be submitted to your counselor.

3. What type of documentation will counselors accept?

Men and women should provide certificates and/or affidavits.

4. Who will counselors submit questions to about the documentation /affidavits that they receive?

The Chief of Programs

5. What is the process for men and women in custody to complete affidavits?

Men and women should sign a statement regarding the programs they believe they completed and also include the approximate dates of completion and the facility where the class was completed.

6. Which programs are eligible for programming credit under this legislation?

The following programs are eligible for credit:

- a) Full-time substance abuse programs
- b) Correctional industry assignments
- c) Educational programs
- d) Behavior modification programs
- e) Life skills courses
- f) Re-entry planning courses

7. Will counseling staff have a list of eligible programs?

Yes, however that list will not be exhaustive. In other words, there may be some programs that are not reflected on the list.

8. Does the programming have to have been done during the current period of incarceration?

Yes

9. If a man or woman was incarcerated prior to 1998 and completed programming and was then released but is now in custody on a new conviction, will he or she be credited for the programming completed during his or her first incarceration?

No.

10. Is this a one-time award?

Yes. Men and women will receive **one** award of either 45 days or 90 days.

11. What happens if someone is able to show proof of completing several programs? Will he or she get 45-90 days for each of those programs?

No, he or she will only get a one-time award of either 45 days or 90 days.

12. If an individual has proof of completion of both a Bachelor's degree and proof of completion of a Master's degree, can he or she get 180 days credit for both degrees?

Yes

13. Can an individual who earns 180 days of credit for a Bachelor's or Master's degree also receive 45 or 90 days for earning that degree?

Yes

14. Does this impact my MSR term?

No, your MSR term remains the same.

15. If a man or woman completed the sex offender treatment as a juvenile or while on parole does that count toward the sex offender treatment requirement?

Yes, he or she will just need to provide proof of completion.

16. Once a determination has been made that an individual is entitled to credit, how will the Department maintain records that the credit is being awarded?

Contracts will be completed by clinical services, counselors, or ICI staff once a determination of credit eligibility has been made.