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## EARLY RELEASE CHECKLIST: DETERMINATE SENTENCES

Program	Eligibility	Exclusions	Impact	Impact on Client
Willard	PL 70.06(7); 70.70(2)(d), (3)(d); CPL 410.91; specified 2d D & E property offenses; 2d C, D, & E drug offenses; 1st B drug offense (except CSCS to a Child)	Not currently convicted of non-specified offense; no prior VFO, class A or B non-drug felony conviction; not under jurisdiction of or currently awaiting delivery to DOCS	Sentenced to parole supervision, with first 90 days spent at Willard	
Shock	Correction Law 865-867; b/w 16 and 50 years old; within 3 years conditional release	Not currently convicted of A-I felony, VFO, sex, homicide, escape, or absconding. No prior VFO w/ state prison sentence. Must be screened by Shock screening committee (which look for indications of violence, predatory behavior, or crimes of sophistication; medical or mental health problems)	Graduates of 6 month program earn Earned Eligibility Certificate (see Correction Law § 805) and are immediately eligible for release	
Judicial Shock	PL60.04(7); same as above, but must also be convicted drug offense	Same as above, but screened <i>only</i> for medical/mental health problems; if exist, alternative-to-Shock program must be made available.	same as above	
Temporary Release (includes CASAT)	Corr. L. 851-861; 9 NYCRR 6.9; w/in 24 months of earliest release (30 months for entry into CASAT) and requisite time in (generally 6 mos; 9 mos for 2 <sup>nd</sup> B felony drug offense)	Not currently convicted of terrorism, VFO, sex offense, incest, sex perf. child, homicide, escape, absconding, or aggravated harassment of DOCS employee. Limited availability of violent felony override	Release to community for extended periods of time for work, education, etc.	
Judicial CASAT	PL § 60.04(6); conviction for drug offense	For CASAT annex and work release, must not have any of above exclusions. If above exclusions apply, will only get CASAT annex 6-9 months prior to earliest release.	If TR eligible, will enter CASAT annex for 6 months and then work release.	
Presumptive Release	Corr. Law 806; have achieved an EEC (Corr L. 805)	Not currently convicted of A-I felony, VFO, specified homicide, sex offense, incest, sex performance of child, hate crime, terrorism, or aggravated harassment of employee; no serious disciplinary infraction or frivolous lawsuit	Not applicable to determinate sentences, since parole board not involved in release decision	
Merit Release	Corr. L. 803; achieve EEC & one of 4 program objectives.	Not currently convicted of A-I non-drug felony, VFO, specified homicide, sex offense, incest, sex performance of child, or aggravated harassment DOCS employee; no serious disciplinary infraction or frivolous lawsuit	1/7 off minimum <i>in</i> addition to the 1/7 off for conditional release.	
<b>Conditional Release</b>	all determinate sentences	poor institutional record	1/7 off determinate sentence	

Post Release Supervision: 1-5 for non sex felonies (PL § 70.45(2)); 3 to 25 years for felony sex offenses (PL § 70.80).