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## **Parole Incentive Credit** **Frequently Asked Questions** **Updated December 16, 2021**

1. If county camps do not offer Cognitive Behavioral Program, will the offenders assigned to the county camps earn PIC credits?

**Response:** They will get credit for being enrolled actively in education, but you must ensure the data reflects the offenders are enrolled otherwise they will not get credit, and make sure they are enrolled in OJT as well. The expectation is that all sites provide all programs, but even if you are not able to provide programming having them enrolled in Education and OJT can help them accumulate time off their length of stay.

2. How do mobile construction offenders accumulate PIC credits?

**Response:** The offender should be earning at the highest level. They must be placed on the Master Schedule showing them assigned to mobile construction.

3. What if SCRIBE indicates the offender is Parole ineligible but is PIC eligible?

**Response:** Parole retains the discretion as to whether to apply PIC, but if you are not sure contact parole at [counselor.Inquiries@pap.ga.gov](mailto:counselor.Inquiries@pap.ga.gov) and if you are still not successful getting a response contact [pic.inquiries@gdc.ga.gov](mailto:pic.inquiries@gdc.ga.gov).

4. How should PSSIA be handled when it comes to PIC eligibility?

**Response:** PSSIA is not a PIC accumulating program.

5. Why is RSAT excluded from substance abuse points for PIC?

**Response:** RSAT is an end of sentence incentive, and the goal is to have an offender released from RSAT on their PIC date, so it would be counter-productive to wait until they finish RSAT to apply the credits. If we were to do that, then offenders would not have RSAT completed in time to accumulate credit. Our goal is to get them through RSAT and be ready for release at PED or below.

6. Can an offender continue to accumulate points if he/she is switched from a special detail to a county camp or administrative aide?

**Response:** Yes, the system calculates based on the detail code entered in SCRIBE.

7. Does RSAT cover Cognitive-Behavioral Program's needs? Should the CBT programs be closed when the offender completes RSAT?

**Response:** RSAT is a comprehensive treatment program that targets all the offender's needs, but our goal is to ensure that all other programs are completed before RSAT placement. If an offender completes all the other programs before placement, it increases the offender's chance of success. If programs are not completed before RSAT, completion of RSAT satisfies the CBT programs (MRT, T4C, PSSIA, MATRIX RP, MATRIX ERS). Once the offender completes RSAT, click the **SATISFIED BY RSAT** button for the identified CBT programs listed in SCRIBE.

8. In scribe programs we have several offenders referred for RSAT: residential SA program and SASS-substance abuse aftercare services-RSAT/PSAT. When the parole board requires RSAT, the requirement is automatically populates the SAAS referral (it usually ads it as well as we only have entered the RSAT referral here. Can the RSAT referral be ended for all these cases?

**Response:** Offenders who have a SAAS referral not accompanied by RSAT should be closed out as correcting erroneous. In April when the Parole Board remapped conditions on all offenders several of them had SAAS in the referral module so make sure that all of the SAAS referrals not accompanied by RSAT are closed out if the offender does not have a NGA assessed need.

9. Can offenders who are frequently in lockdown units and unable to complete programs earn PIC points?

**Response:** No, the offender, while in lockdown cannot earn PIC points. Document accordingly as to why the offender they are unable to participate in programs. Once the offender is released back to the general population, he/she can start accumulating PIC points again.

10. What happens if we get grievances from offenders who are PIC eligible but cannot work on outside details can those assignments be grieved?

**Response:** This would appear to be a situation which warrants an appeal for a classification action (IIC02-0004 ATTACHMENT 3).

11. Do we not provide programs such as M4C and Family Violence since the PIC offenders need the required programs to be considered for Parole? Will offender receive PIC credit for M4C, PSSIA, or Family Violence?

**Response:** Yes, these programs should be provided at your Facility. Family Violence is a legislatively mandated program, and M4C is a pre-treatment for all Risk Reduction Programs; however, currently, M4C, Family Violence, and PSSIA are not PIC accumulating program.

12. When an offender completes several programs, why doesn't he/she receive the full six PIC points afterward?

**Response:** The offender cannot receive credit until the current plan is complete.

13. The offender has completed several programs in which he should have already received PIC points for (recent MRT for 1). Why doesn't he have PIC points already?

**Response:** The offender cannot receive credit until the category is complete. MRT alone does not give the offender points if he still needs to complete Thinking for a change.

14. An offender is listed as PIC ineligible; however, everyone else with his same offense (child molestation) is PIC eligible. His code for parole is listed as "Future Elig" may be the reason. Shouldn't he be PIC eligible?

**Response:** According to Parole "Future Elig" could mean that an offender has more than one sentence, it can also apply to violent offenders who must serve a particular amount of time before they are eligible for consideration; when they are within three months of becoming parole-eligible, the consideration type is changed to Guidelines. Remember Parole ultimately retains discretion as to whether an offender is eligible

15. An offender is currently listed as PIC eligible with 6 points already accumulated. If he is serving a mandatory sentence for armed robbery, shouldn't he also be PIC ineligible? If an offender is serving a mandatory sentence and is coded PIC eligible, shouldn't he also be PIC ineligible?

**Response:** If the offender is listed as PIC eligible it could be a decision that parole has made based on other circumstances, but if the system reflects him as PIC eligible we want to treat him as such. Parole will ultimately decide whether to award PIC. In both cases, you can submit an inquiry to [Counselor.Inquires@pap.ga.gov](mailto:Counselor.Inquires@pap.ga.gov) so that parole they can respond directly regarding these type cases.

16. How are PIC dates calculated?

**Response:** Once the number of points is calculated, the points are subtracted from the TPM date to anticipate what the PIC date should be.

17. Does offenders PIC time stop if he receives a DR for reasons not related to the detail? For example, an offender gets a DR for failure to follow on the dorm; he goes to lockdown, then returns to the detail. Does his time stop?

**Response:** If he is classified and taken off detail, his time stops until he is reassigned to a detail.

18. When will we be able to start submitting a request to the transition center based upon the inmate's PIC date? Presently you can only submit them based upon the TPM or MRD.

**Response:** Start submitting the request based on the PIC date.

19. What does it mean when an offender PIC points have been frozen?

**Response:** This is usually done when an offender is 90 days out from their projected PIC date. The decision is made by the parole board. A DR during the review process will mandatorily stop the review of the offender. This can also cause for the offender to become ineligible for PIC credits earned. When the decision is not made within the 90 days, the parole board may be awaiting a program to be completed or paperwork to be submitted.