



STATE BOARD OF CORRECTIONS

BOARD POLICY NUMBER: 20-9

SUBJECT: Good Conduct Allowance and Earned Sentence Credits

DATE: June 1, 2013

20-9.1 POLICY The Board of Corrections recognizes the award of good conduct allowance and earned sentence credits as an incentive and encouragement to an offender's successful institutional life. Good conduct allowance and earned sentence credits shall be based upon compliance with written prison rules and regulations, a demonstration of responsibility in the performance of assignments, and a demonstration of a desire for self-improvement, or exceptional circumstances determined by the Department. Good conduct allowance and earned sentence credits are seen as a privilege that can and should be forfeited, wholly or in part, if the offender's behavior violates prison rules and regulations.

Subject to Board approval, the Department of Corrections shall develop general guidelines governing the circumstances under which an offender's good time allowance and earned sentence credits may be earned or forfeited in accordance the Code of Virginia.

The Board shall establish rules and regulations that clearly define the due process afforded the offender in any situation where the loss of good conduct allowance or earned sentence credits is a possibility.

20-9.2 AUTHORITY Code of Virginia, Sections

[53.1-200](#), Conditions for good conduct allowance.

[53.1-202.4](#), Board of to establish certain rules, criteria, etc.

20-9.3 REFERENCES Code of Virginia, Sections

[53.1-199](#), Eligibility for good conduct allowance; application.

[53.1-201](#), Classification system for good conduct allowance.

[53.1-202.2](#), Eligibility for sentence credits.

[53.1-202.3](#), Rate at which credits may be earned; prerequisites.

20-9.4 IMPLEMENTING PROCEDURES

Operating Procedure 830.3, Good Time Awards

Operating Procedure 861.1 Offender Discipline, Institutions

20-9.5 EFFECTIVE DATE June 1, 2013

20-9.6 SUPERSESION This policy supersedes Board Policy 20-9, dated July 16, 2003.

20-9.7 REVIEW DATE This policy must be reviewed and updated as necessary.

Adopted by the Board of Corrections on May 15, 2013.

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