

COURT SUPPORT SERVICE DIVISION JUDICIAL BRANCH

ADDENDUM TO PROBATIONER HANDBOOK

Key to Your Success



Can I finish my probation early?

Maybe. If you were sentenced on or after October 1, 2008, state law provides that certain sentences of probation will be reviewed to see if they should end early. The law says that automatic review **does not apply to Class B Felonies, Unclassified Misdemeanors or sex offenses.** Your probation officer will tell you whether your case can be reviewed under this law.

Remember, while your case will be *reviewed* automatically, it will not automatically end early. Your probation officer will send a progress report to the court recommending whether your probation should end or continue. Only the judge can decide to end your probation.

For Misdemeanor probation periods lasting longer than a year, a progress report will be sent to the court at the 1 year point.

For Felony probation periods lasting longer than two years, a progress report will be sent to the court at the 2 year point.

In making a recommendation about ending your probation early, your probation officer must consider how you have done in several areas:

- Following your conditions of probation.
- Going to and taking part in any treatment programs.
- Showing improvement with areas that have helped you get in trouble in the past.

Probation is not just about holding you accountable for your behavior. It is also about helping you to successfully end your involvement with the criminal justice system.