

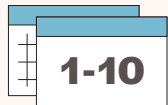
Maryland Parole Hearing Schedule Changes

Governor Moore has signed HB 467 / SB 822, bringing several vital updates to Maryland's parole system.

The largest change to state law is the ending of permanent parole refusals and the establishment of a maximum wait time between hearings. A person's first hearing still occurs according to [Md. Code, Corr. Servs. § 7-307.1](#).

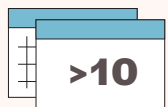
Starting October 1, 2026, all subsequent parole hearings, if someone is denied at their first hearing (e.g. "set-off" or "rehear"), will occur at the following schedule:

MD. CODE, CORR. SERVS. § 7-307.1



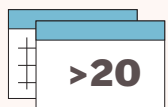
Sentence of Exactly 10 Years or Less

Parole hearings occur at the Parole Commission's discretion, between 0 and 2 years after the most recent hearing.



Sentence Over 10 Years

Parole hearings occur at the Parole Commission's discretion, between 0 and 3 years after the most recent hearing.



In cases where the sentence exceeds 20 years for a crime against an individual, including life sentences, parole hearings are conducted at the discretion of the Parole Commission within the following range:

- A person's second parole hearing will occur between 0 and 3 years after the first hearing.
- A person's third parole hearing (and all subsequent hearings) will occur between 0 and 5 years after the most recent hearing.

If you currently have a refusal or a rehearing that falls outside these guidelines, please write to the Maryland Parole Commission to request a hearing within these guidelines.

Maryland Parole Commission
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Examples

The following are hypothetical examples meant to illustrate how the schedule is applied for a given sentence.



Jim is given a sentence of 9 years for manslaughter. Jim's next parole hearing will occur any time **between 0 and 2 years** after the date of his previous parole hearing.



Dana is given a sentence of 19 years for first degree assault. Dana's next parole hearing will occur any time **between 0 and 3 years** after the date of her previous parole hearing.



Joe is given a sentence of 25 years for multiple charges of CDS distribution. Joe's next parole hearing, and all subsequent hearings, will occur any time **between 0 and 3 years** after the date of his previous parole hearing **because his crime was not against an individual.**



Fred is given a sentence of 25 years for first-degree assault. **Because the offense includes a victim,** Fred's second parole hearing will happen anytime **between 0 and 3 years** after his first parole hearing. If Fred is denied parole at his second parole hearing, all subsequent parole hearings will happen anytime **between 0 and 5 years** after the previous hearing.

You are now entitled to a copy of your case plan*, pre-parole summary, and full risk assessment report. If you haven't received a copy of your case plan within the last year, please speak to your case manager.

*The case plan is where you and your case manager set your goals, in writing, so they can be reviewed at your next annual review.



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HB 467 / SB 822 Parole Hearing Schedule

Up to 10 year sentence

A person has their next parole hearing not more than **two years** after a parole denial.

Greater than 10 year sentence

A person has their next parole hearing not more than **three years** after a parole denial.

Greater than 20 year sentence if crime has a victim

A person has their next parole hearing not more than **three years** after their first parole denial and not more than **five years** after all subsequent parole denials.

KEY

- Various sentence lengths are listed in the far left column for both violent and non-violent offenses.
- Possible hearings are listed at the top of each column
- The number of years people must serve for each respective hearing complete the table.

Crime Against an Individual

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Sentence Length	Hearing 1	Hearing 2*	All Remaining Hearings Until Release*
8	Initial Hearing	0-2 years later	0-2 years later
10	Initial Hearing	0-2 years later	0-2 years later
12	Initial Hearing	0-3 years later	0-3 years later
16	Initial Hearing	0-3 years later	0-3 years later
20	Initial Hearing	0-3 years later	0-3 years later
22	Initial Hearing	0-3 years later	0-5 years later
30	Initial Hearing	0-3 years later	0-5 years later
40	Initial Hearing	0-3 years later	0-5 years later
50	Initial Hearing	0-3 years later	0-5 years later
60	Initial Hearing	0-3 years later	0-5 years later
Life	Initial Hearing	0-3 years later	0-5 years later

Crime NOT Against an Individual

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40	Initial Hearing	0-3 years later	0-3 years later
50	Initial Hearing	0-3 years later	0-3 years later
60	Initial Hearing	0-3 years later	0-3 years later
70	Initial Hearing	0-3 years later	0-3 years later

The charts above are meant to illustrate possible sentencing and how scheduling applies. They are not comprehensive.

*O-X years later is the amount of time since the date of the last parole hearing.