



Parole Denied Information Sheet

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Overview

This information sheet provides information and answers to frequently asked questions about what you can do if your parole has been **denied**.

Corrections staff do not have any information about your parole decision and cannot answer questions about decisions made by the Ontario Parole Board (the "Board").

Parole decisions are made by the same two Board members who conducted the hearing.

All decisions made by the Board provide full written reasons to all applicants. You should have received a copy of the Board's decision.

Parole decisions are made based on a risk assessment of all relevant and available information, including:

- information provided to the Board by the Ministry of the Solicitor General
- information provided by victims, legal counsel, and other agencies and organizations
- information and submissions that you provided for the hearing.

Board members review and consider all information in an applicant's file and consider all verbal and written submissions made at the parole hearing.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I request a review of the Board's decision to deny parole?

If you do not agree with the Board's decision to deny you parole, you may request a review of that decision by filling out a Request for Review of Parole Decision Form.

If you require an accommodation or assistance filling out this form, speak with the Institutional Liaison Officer (ILO).

2. What are some of the reasons to request a review?

You may request a review of the Board's decision to deny you parole for any reason or for more than one reason. Some reasons may include:

- the Board did not have all information when it made the decision to deny you parole
- you have new information, such as a change to your release plan
- you do not think you received a fair hearing
- you disagree with the information in your decision.

3. What should I include in my Request for Review of Parole Decision Form?

When submitting your request, be as specific as you can be about why you are requesting a new hearing (for example, if you think you did not receive a fair hearing, why do you think so? or why do you disagree with the information in your decision?). Providing clear and specific reasons helps the Board make a decision about your request for review.

If you are submitting a new parole plan, new information, or if you think the Board did not have all relevant information when it denied your parole, you should include any evidence or supporting documents that you have with your request for review. For example, if you have a new residence, you could include a letter confirming or supporting your residence plan. If the request for review is granted, this information may be forwarded to Ministry of the Solicitor General staff (i.e., a parole officer) to investigate and confirm the new information prior to a new parole hearing.

4. How do I submit my Request for Review of Parole Decision Form?

The ILO can submit your completed form to the Board on your behalf. If you have a lawyer, your lawyer can submit your completed form on your behalf. The completed form should be sent to OPBRegistrar@ontario.ca.

A request for review can only be submitted in writing. Once the Board receives your request for review, the Board will review your request and will either:

- order that a new parole hearing be held, or
- uphold the original decision to deny you parole.

If the Board decides to order a new hearing, the decision will indicate the date of the hearing. The Board's decision will be provided to you by corrections staff or if you have a lawyer, by your lawyer.

5. What if I want to withdraw my request for review?

If you decide to withdraw your request for review prior to the hearing date, you must tell the ILO or your lawyer.

The ILO or your lawyer will notify the Board on your behalf that you wish to withdraw your request for review. A notice of withdrawal can be sent to OPBRegistrar@ontario.ca.

If you decide to withdraw your request for review on the day of your hearing, you must tell the two Board members at the start of your hearing.

6. What if I change my mind after I withdrew my request for review and would like to re-submit my request?

You are entitled to submit a written request for a review again if you withdrew a prior review request.

7. If my request to review my parole decision is denied, can I submit another review request?

You are entitled to submit another written request for a review if a previous request has been denied by the Board.

Refer to Question 4 ***How do I submit my Request for Review of Parole Decision Form*** for more information about submitting a request to review a parole decision.

The Ontario Parole Board (the "Board") collects any information submitted in response to this form under section 36 of the *Ministry of Correctional Services Act* (the "MCSA"), as well as sections 44 and 46 of Ontario Regulation 778, enacted under the MCSA. This information will be used for considering an individual's request for a review of the Board's decision, request for a parole condition variation (change) or request for parole revocation (cancellation). All collected information may be referred to in the Board's decision. Any questions about this information should be directed to Tribunals Ontario, Executive Office at TO-TDO.Feedback@ontario.ca.