

INFORMATION SHEET

Office of Offender Services | In-Prison Programs



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California Identification (CAL-ID) Program

The CAL-ID Card Program provides a valid California identification card to eligible inmates upon their release from prison in accordance with California Penal Code Section 3007.05. Possession of a CAL-ID card is a critical component for employment and other services.

Location(s): All California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) institutions.

Enrollment: All eligible offenders scheduled for release can apply for a CAL-ID Card.

Eligibility Requirements: In order to participate, offenders must:

- Be within 120-210 days of release;
- Have no active felony hold, warrant, or detainer that may result in additional incarceration following release;
- Not have an active Immigration and Customs Enforcement hold, which would result in deportation;
- Provide a valid Social Security number;
- Have been issued a California identification card or driver license from the Department of Motor Vehicles within the previous 10 years; and
- Provide a physical address, including a zip code.

CDCR's Division of Rehabilitative Programs (DRP) manages adult inmate and parolee rehabilitative programs. Its top priority is to provide rehabilitative programming and life skills to offenders in an effort to reduce their likelihood of reoffending after their release from prison. DRP is comprised of the Office of Offender Services (OS), the Office of Correctional Education (OCE), and the Office of Program Accountability and Support (OPAS).

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