

IPP Licence Termination New Process

On **1st June 2026**, new rules come into effect for IPP licence terminations.

CHANGES

The Two-Year Review Point from First Release (both DPP & IPP)

You become eligible for a licence termination review exactly **TWO years after your first release** from prison. This applies to everyone serving a DPP or IPP sentence, regardless of whether you have been recalled in the past.

If you are in prison on recall at the 2-year point: Your release **AND** your licence will be decided together at your next Parole hearing. The Parole Board can

- Keep you in prison
- Release you on licence
- Release you with no licence (very unlikely)

If you are in the community at the 2-year point: The Parole Board will **automatically** review your licence. They will decide whether to:

- Leave your licence in place
- Change your licence conditions
- End your licence completely

What if your licence is not ended at the 2-year mark?

If your licence is kept in place after the automatic two-year review, there are now two ways it can end:

1. **Automatic Termination:** If you spend **two more years** in the community without any new offences or recalls, your licence will end automatically.

or

2. **Apply Yourself (Annual Review):** You do not have to wait for automatic termination. You have the right to personally apply to the Parole Board for a review **every year**.

HOW TO APPLY FOR AN ANNUAL LICENCE TERMINATION

If you have to apply yourself, the process follows these **5 clear steps**:

Step 1: You Apply Online. You must fill out a form on a government website (link is [here](#)). You can include your own written statement at this stage.

Step 2: Eligibility check. HMPPS will check to make sure you are allowed to apply at this time.

Step 3: Probation Report & Progression Panel. If you are eligible, your Probation Officer must write a report. Before they finish it, you should be invited to a **Progression Panel meeting** to discuss your application. Going to this meeting is optional. Your Probation Officer has 4 weeks to finish the report.

Step 4: Your Say (5-Day Window). Once the report is finished, you have **5 days** to read it and add any extra comments or arguments. Everything is then sent to the Parole Board.

Step 5: The Decision. The Parole Board reviews the paperwork and makes the final decision.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q1: When exactly can I apply every year?

A: Your next review date is **one year from your date of eligibility**, *not* one year from the date of the last decision. To make sure your case is reviewed on time, you can submit your application up to **4 weeks before** your eligibility date.

Q2: What happens if I am on recall?

A: If you are in prison on recall, the Parole Board will look at your release and your licence termination together at your next parole hearing. If they decide to release you, you will be able to apply for a licence termination review **one year after the date you are re-released**.