

Frequently Asked Jail Questions

1. How does someone start the process?

Start by calling the Detention Services Coordinator at 562-799-4100 ext. 1117. The process starts by telling the coordinator details about the case, which can be done by the attorney or by the defendant. The coordinator will make a decision about the continuation of the case to the next step.

2. Is there an interview portion?

Yes, there will be a face to face interview with the Detention Services Coordinator. Once the coordinator has evaluated the case details he will contact the defendant and advise if there will be an interview. That interview time and date will be arranged thereafter.

3. Does the attorney need to be present?

The attorney does not need to be present for the interview but may be if he or she desires.

4. What paperwork will be needed to start the process?

At the interview time it will be extremely helpful to have the latest minute order and the police report (for the original arrest charge/s) for review. Understanding that the final order might not be available, this could be faxed or e-mailed when available.

5. How long does the interview / acceptance process take?

The interview and acceptance process should only take about three days. Once the necessary documents are received by the Detention Services Coordinator a decision will be made as to the acceptance. Assuming that the court has granted the private jail / city jail allowance, the only other hurdle will be the obtaining of the medical tests. The original minute order will also need to be updated to reflect the Seal Beach Detention Center language.

6. Who is eligible to participate in the program?

Most misdemeanor cases will be accepted. Some felony cases will also be allowed. Due to the variety of felony and misdemeanor case variations, decisions will be made on a case by case basis.

7. Is work Furlough allowed?

Work furlough will be allowed with the approval of the court. (See forms section for sample minute order language details)

8. What work hours allowed?

The court and the attorney will coordinate to create the work schedule. Reasonable allowances will be made for verifiable work schedules.

9. What is the daily cost of the program?

The daily cost of the program is \$100.00 or \$120.00 for the work furlough client. The additional fee is for the use of the GPS monitoring device.

10. Are females allowed in the program?

Females cannot be sentenced to the Seal Beach Detention Center.

11. What medical tests will be required?

Several general health type blood tests will be required prior to entry into the program. See forms section for available forms to download including medical test requirements.

12. Is the GPS a requirement?

Yes. ALL work furlough inmates are required to wear the GPS ankle bracelet. During any given daily work period the inmate may be randomly "paged" which will require him to contact the jail immediately. Inmates who do not leave the facility for their daily work needs are not required to wear the device.