

History of Earned Release Time Amounts in WA

Year	RCW	ERT%	Description of Change
1981	9.92.150	5 days per month (33%)	The sentencing judge of the superior court and the sentencing justice of peace of the justice court shall have authority and jurisdiction whereby the sentence of a prisoner, sentenced to imprisonment in their respective county jail, may be reduced five days for each month of confinement therein, for good behavior.
1981	9.94A.150	33%	In no case shall the aggregate earned early release time exceed one-third of the sentence. Effective date: 7/1/1984 for felonies committed after 6/30/1984
1989	9.94A.150	33%	In no case shall the aggregate earned early release time exceed one-third of the <u>total</u> sentence.
2000	9.94A.150	15%	Serious violent offense or class A sex offense committed on or after 7/1/1990.
2003	9.94A.728	15%	Serious violent offense or class A sex offense committed on or after 7/1/1990 and before 7/1/2003.
		10%	Serious violent offense or class A sex offense committed on or after 7/1/2003.
		50%	Eligible: Lowest two risk levels Retroactive to those serving confinement as of 7/1/2003. Does not apply to convictions after 7/1/2010. Excludes: sex offense, violent offense, Crime Against Person, felony DV, ResBurg, M/D/P w/I Meth (+ anticip), Delv CS to a Minor (+ anticip), any new felony committed under comm supv.
2004	9.94A.728		An offender serving a term of confinement imposed under RCW 9.94A.670(4)(a) [deferred sentenced under SSOSA] is not eligible for earned release credits under this section.
2007	9.94A.728	50%	Eligibility Add: has not committed a new felony after effective date (7/22/2007) of this section while on comm supervision, comm placement or comm custody. Participates in programming or activities as directed by the reentry plan to the extent that such programming or activities are made available by DOC.
2014	9.94A.729	10%	Excludes: persons convicted of Ag Murder 1 and offense committed under 18 years.
2015	9.94A.729	10%	Excludes earned release on minimum term imposed by court when offense of Ag Murder 1 was committed under 18 years of age but allows any remaining portion to become eligible.
2020	9.94A.729		An offender whose sentence includes any impaired driving enhancements under RCW 9.94A.533(7), minor child enhancements under RCW 9.94A.533(13), or both, shall not receive any good time credits or earned release time for any portion of his or her sentence that results from those enhancements. Effective date: 1/1/2022