

**BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS**

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# CONSULTATION FACT SHEET

This sheet provides clarification regarding the Board of Parole Hearings' (board's) requirements to conduct consultations.

## 1. Timing of Consultations

Consultations are held during the sixth year prior to the inmate's minimum eligible parole date (MEPD), youth parole eligibility date (YPED), or elderly parole eligibility date (EPED), whichever occurs first. (Pen. Code § 3041(a).)

## 2. Consultation Requirements

The board is required to provide the inmate information about the parole hearing process, legal factors relevant to his or her suitability or unsuitability for parole, and individualized recommendations for the inmate regarding his or her work assignments, rehabilitative programs, and institutional behavior. (Pen. Code § 3041(a).)

## 3. Written Positive and Negative Findings

The board is required to issue written positive and negative findings and recommendations to the inmate within 30 days of the consultation. (Pen. Code § 3041(a).)

## 4. Consultations for Qualified Youth Offenders

Qualified Youth Offenders whose controlling offenses resulted in either a life sentence or a determinate sentence will receive consultations as amended in Penal Code section 3041. (Pen. Code § 3051(c).)