



Tennessee Department of Children’s Services

## Protocol for Removal of Determinate Commitment Credits

**Supplemental to DCS Policy: 18.37 Determinate Commitment Manual**

Youth with a determinate commitment are eligible to earn Youth Commitment Reductions Credits (YCRC), see DCS Policy [18.37. Determinate Commitments](#), for more details. Previously earned YCRC may only be removed through a Child and Family Team Meeting (CFTM) for refusal to participate in a treatment program, or due to the commission of a major offense.

### Refusal to Participate in Treatment Program

When youth fail to engage in satisfactory participation in the treatment program for long periods of time, a maximum of twenty (20) previously earned credits can be removed. The following ranges are used by the treatment team when considering the removal of previously earned youth commitment reduction credits for habitual refusal to participate in the treatment program:

| Time of Unsatisfactory Participation | Range of Credits to be Removed |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 30 Days                              | 0-8                            |
| 60 Days                              | 9-16                           |
| 90 Days                              | 17-20                          |

### Commission of a Major Offense

The following ranges are used by the disciplinary committee when considering the removal of previously earned youth commitment reduction credits. See DCS Policy [25.1 DOE. Definitions of Disciplinary Offenses for Youth in Youth Development Centers](#) for further information.

| Major Disciplinary Violation              | Range of Credits |
|---|------------------|
| Aggravated Battery                        | 10-20            |
| Arson                                     | 10-20            |
| Assault (physical not verbal)             | 5-10             |
| Assault & Battery                         | 5-15             |
| Attempted Escape                          | 5-10             |
| Damaging/Destroying State Property        | 1-5              |
| Escape                                    | 15-20            |
| Extortion                                 | 1-10             |
| Participation in a Riot                   | 10-20            |
| Possession of a Weapon                    | 5-15             |
| Use of Drugs/Inhalants/Intoxicants        | 5-10             |
| Possession of Drugs Inhalants/Intoxicants | 1-5              |
| Rape                                      | 10-20            |
| Selling Inhalants/Drugs/Intoxicants       | 5-20             |