

## .08 NA Drug Disqualification Removal Requirements

**REVISION 45**  
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When an NA participant has a disqualifying drug conviction, they may be able to receive benefits. The NA participant must agree to random drug testing by signing the Nutrition Assistance Drug Testing Agreement (FAA-1565A) form or the NA Drug Testing Agreement (F029) notice and meet one of the following requirements:

- Is currently accepted for treatment in a substance abuse treatment program but on a waiting list. The person remains enrolled in the treatment program and enters the treatment program at the first available opportunity
- Is currently accepted for treatment and is participating in a substance abuse treatment program
- Has successfully completed a substance abuse treatment program after the offense in question
- Is determined by a licensed [medical provider](#) to not need substance abuse treatment
- When applicable, is following all terms of probation. This also applies when the probation associated with the drug conviction has been successfully completed

### WARNING

Parole is not considered one of the five requirements. Staff must explore another requirement for the participant to receive NA benefits.

The date the requirement was met must be after the date of the offense.

Acceptable verification of meeting a requirement must be either a collateral contact or hard copy. A participant's statement cannot be used. Document and upload the verification into the [case file\(g\)](#).

Acceptable forms of verification include, but are not limited to the following:

- Court records indicating the participant completed or is following all terms of probation for the drug charge
- Completed treatment certificates for the drug charge that display the date the treatment was completed
- Letters from a probation officer
- Letters from a medical provider
- Letters from a drug treatment center that the participant is on a waiting list for treatment for the drug charge

**WARNING**

When a participant has met the requirements for an NA Drug Disqualification Removal but then commits and is convicted of another NA drug felony disqualification, the NA Drug Disqualification Removal process must be met again.

When FD displays on PRAP see [NA Drug Disqualification FD EXCEPT](#) to allow the NA disqualified participant to receive benefits.

When conducting an interview, via phone or face-to-face, with a previously disqualified participant and they meet all NA Expedite criteria, postpone all verification including the NA Drug Testing Agreement.