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### Introduction of the home detention curfew scheme and its application

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	<p>does not meet CC criteria.</p> <p>The form is sent to the Home Office by the holding establishment around 10 weeks before the FNO's earliest possible release on HDC (the HDC eligibility date, or HDCED). This means any actions and views from the Home Office are taken into account during the HDC process.</p> <p>For more information, see link on left: <a href="#">Prison requests for Home Office information in HDC cases.</a></p>	
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### HDC eligibility criteria and liability to removal

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from prison.

In these cases the FNO is risk assessed for:

- release on HDC, and
- the likelihood of future deportation,

along with any evidence from the Home Office of previous non-compliance with immigration conditions.

This information must be provided by CC on the HDC-FNP form. For more information, see the link on left: Prison requests for Home Office information in HDC cases.

If the court recommends deportation but CC make a decision not to deport, for example if it is not practical to enforce deportation, you must notify the prison as soon as possible to allow the FNO to be considered for HDC.

In cases where a deportation decision has still not been made, the FNO is ineligible for HDC if they have:

- been notified of a decision to refuse leave to enter the UK, or
- previously been notified they are an illegal entrant or immigration offender subject to removal under section 10 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

You must check the FNO's records for evidence these notifications have been served and, if they have, they are still valid. For example, the notice has not been superseded by a grant of leave.

You must notify the prison contact immediately of any significant change in the information provided which happens before the offender's conditional release date (CRD), using the HDC-FNP form. A significant change is one that could affect an HDC decision, for example, where it has been decided later:

- to deport or remove

- not to pursue deportation or removal at all, or
- not to pursue deportation or removal at least for the foreseeable future and there is no intention to detain on release from prison.

If a FNO is lawfully released on HDC, and a decision is later taken by the Home Office that would make the offender 'liable to removal' if they were still in prison, this does not mean they are automatically recalled to prison.

The FNO is not liable for recall to prison on their original sentence unless they breach the terms of the HDC licence.

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### Prison requests for Home Office information in HDC cases

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	<p>workflow team using related link: Email CC workflow with the information request.</p> <p>The contact form asks for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the current status of the case. For example, whether the deportation decision has been served) and</li><li>• any extra information relevant to the HDC consideration. For example, evidence of previous non-compliance with immigration conditions.</li></ul> <p>The form must be completed as fully as possible.</p>	
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### Irish nationals and home detention curfew scheme

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### Background of the home detention curfew scheme

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For guidance on when a prisoner has been released before deportation action could be considered, or in the case of an offender being released in error, please see related link: [01/09 Action on cases that have been released before deportation.](#)

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