

PROBATION

Probation is a court-ordered period of supervision for individuals who have been convicted of a crime. It is often used as an alternative to incarceration for first-time offenders or those with minor offenses. The probation officer monitors the individual's behavior and ensures they comply with the terms of their sentence, such as attending counseling, maintaining employment, and staying out of legal trouble. Failure to comply can result in the individual being sent to prison.

Probation is typically granted for a period of 1 to 5 years. During this time, the individual must report to their probation officer regularly. The officer will conduct home visits and check in with the individual to ensure they are following the rules. If the individual is found to be violating the terms of their probation, the court may revoke their probation and sentence them to prison.

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