

Pre-Trial Diversion Frequently Asked Questions

How do I enroll in the Pre-Trial Diversion Program?

Those who are interested in the Pre-Trial Diversion Program (PTD) will need to contact the Douglas County District Attorney's Office to begin the enrollment process. If you are represented by an attorney, your attorney will need to contact our office to begin the enrollment process.

Is there a fee for the Pre-Trial Diversion Program?

Yes. The fee ranges from \$300 to \$1000.

How long is the Pre-Trial Diversion Program?

The length of the program is between six and twelve months.

What is the process for making the program fee payment?

PTD fee payments are made at the Superior Clerk of Court's office. Payments are accepted via cash and money order. There is a fee payment form that will need to be filled out before making the payment. This form will need to be obtained from the receptionist at the District Attorney's Office. The completed form will then need to be taken to the Superior Court of Clerk's Office, also located on the second floor of the Douglas County Courthouse. (Second office to the left when exiting the District Attorney's Office). Once payment has been made, a copy of the receipt will need to be brought back to the District Attorney's Office.

• Will I be required to pay restitution?

If applicable to your case, you will be required to pay restitution.

• What is the process for making restitution payments?

Restitution payments will be paid through JAG Services located at 3150 Golf Ridge Blvd., Suite 201, Douglasville, GA 30134. Phone number: 678-398-9029.

Once in the program, who do I contact if I have questions?

All questions can be directed to the Pre-Trial Diversion Program Administrator by calling 770-920-7292, or via email at PTD@co.douglas.ga.us.

• What happens if I am terminated from the program?

If you are terminated from the program for failure to meet requirements or complete conditions, your case will be returned to the court docket for prosecution, and you will not be given the opportunity to enter the pre-trial diversion program again.

• Can I withdraw from the Pre-Trial Diversion Program?

The PTD program is completely voluntary. You can withdraw at any time. Notification of your request for withdrawal will need to be made to the District Attorney's Office in writing. If you withdraw from the program, your case will be returned to the trial line for prosecution, and you will not be given the opportunity to enter the pre-trial diversion program again. If you withdraw from the program, your case will be returned to the trial line for prosecution.

What are the benefits of completing the Pre-Trial Diversion?

Upon completion of PTD, your charges related to this arrest will be dismissed, and you will be eligible for record restriction pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 35-3-37 (7)(E).