



**Do you or the person  
you support have an  
intellectual or cognitive  
disability or autism  
spectrum disorder?**

**Intellectual Disability  
Diversion Program Court  
(IDDP Court)**

*Information  
for professionals*

**Intellectual Disability  
Diversion Program Court**

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## What is the IDDP Court?

The IDDP Court seeks to address the overrepresentation of individuals in the adult criminal justice system who may have one or more of the following diagnoses;

- Intellectual Disability
- Cognitive Disability
- Autism Spectrum Disorder

The court aims to work with individuals living in the community to:

- Reduce their future contact with the criminal justice system and thereby improve community safety
- Increase their access to positive behaviour support with a focus on skill building and goal setting
- Identify undiagnosed disability or impairment as well as physical and/or mental health issues
- Achieve an outcome relating to their criminal charge/s that is proportionate, fair, considers the interests of the victim of the offence, if any, and is appropriate to the circumstances of the accused's offence and their disability or impairment.

## What are the eligibility criteria?

If a person is charged with a criminal offence, to be eligible to participate, the individual must:

- Have been diagnosed with an ID, CD or ASD by a suitably qualified person, or be likely to be so diagnosed if assessed by a suitably qualified person
- Have been charged with offences that can be dealt with summarily, for which there is a prospect of being sentenced to other than an immediate term of imprisonment

- Have entered, or be likely to enter a plea/pleas of guilty to at least a significant proportion of their charges
- Be suitable for conditional bail
- Consent to participate in the IDDP Court program.

## Referring your client

To refer your client to the IDDP Court, you will need to make an application to the court in which your client is appearing.

If the application is granted, your client will be remanded to the IDDP Court on a Monday.

## Assessment for suitability

In the IDDP Court, the accused will have an opportunity to be assessed by Adult Community Corrections in the Department of Justice as to their suitability for the IDDP Court program.

Applicants may also need to be assessed by an expert such as a psychologist or neuropsychologist, which may be ordered by the IDDP Court.

## Engagement with the Court

If assessed as suitable, the accused will be accepted into the IDDP Court program.

Adult Community Corrections will develop a plan in conjunction with the participant, their family and/or carer and, if applicable, their guardian, Department of Communities and service provider(s).

The participant will be required to attend the IDDP Court, as directed by the magistrate, to monitor their progress on the plan over a period of approximately four to six months.

Progress on the plan will be taken into account by the magistrate when sentencing the accused.

**The court sits on Mondays at Perth Magistrates Court, 501 Hay St, Perth.**