



# Offender Rehabilitation Act 2014

## 2014 CHAPTER 11

### *Community orders and suspended sentence orders*

#### **15 Rehabilitation activity requirement**

- (1) The Criminal Justice Act 2003 is amended as follows.
- (2) In sections 177(1) and 190(1) (requirements that may be imposed as part of a community order or suspended sentence order) after paragraph (a) insert—
  - “(aa) a rehabilitation activity requirement (as defined by section 200A),”.
- (3) After section 200 insert—

#### **“200A Rehabilitation activity requirement**

- (1) In this Part “rehabilitation activity requirement”, in relation to a relevant order, means a requirement that, during the relevant period, the offender must comply with any instructions given by the responsible officer to attend appointments or participate in activities or both.
- (2) A relevant order imposing a rehabilitation activity requirement must specify the maximum number of days for which the offender may be instructed to participate in activities.
- (3) Any instructions given by the responsible officer must be given with a view to promoting the offender’s rehabilitation; but this does not prevent the responsible officer giving instructions with a view to other purposes in addition to rehabilitation.
- (4) The responsible officer may instruct the offender to attend appointments with the responsible officer or with someone else.
- (5) The responsible officer, when instructing the offender to participate in activities, may require the offender to—
  - (a) participate in specified activities and, while doing so, comply with instructions given by the person in charge of the activities, or

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- (b) go to a specified place and, while there, comply with any instructions given by the person in charge of the place.
- (6) The references in subsection (5)(a) and (b) to instructions given by a person include instructions given by anyone acting under the person's authority.
- (7) The activities that responsible officers may instruct offenders to participate in include—
  - (a) activities forming an accredited programme (see section 202(2));
  - (b) activities whose purpose is reparative, such as restorative justice activities.
- (8) For the purposes of subsection (7)(b) an activity is a restorative justice activity if—
  - (a) the participants consist of, or include, the offender and one or more of the victims,
  - (b) the aim of the activity is to maximise the offender's awareness of the impact of the offending concerned on the victims, and
  - (c) the activity gives a victim or victims an opportunity to talk about, or by other means express experience of, the offending and its impact.
- (9) In subsection (8) "victim" means a victim of, or other person affected by, the offending concerned.
- (10) Where compliance with an instruction would require the co-operation of a person other than the offender, the responsible officer may give the instruction only if that person agrees.
- (11) In this section "the relevant period" means—
  - (a) in relation to a community order, the period for which the community order remains in force, and
  - (b) in relation to a suspended sentence order, the supervision period as defined by section 189(1A)."
- (4) Sections 201 and 213 (activity requirements and supervision requirements) are repealed.
- (5) Schedule 5 to this Act contains consequential provision.