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The Prisons and Young Offenders
Institutions (Scotland) Rules 2011

PART 9

WORK, EDUCATION, EARNINGS AND RECREATION

Purposeful activities

84.—(1) The Governor must provide a range of purposeful activities for prisoners which, so far as reasonably practicable, takes into account—

- (a) the interests and need of prisoners to obtain skills and experience which will be of use to them after their release; and
- (b) the requirements of the operation and maintenance of the prison.

(2) “Purposeful activities” include—

- (a) work;
- (b) education of any kind, including physical education;
- (c) counselling and other rehabilitative programmes;
- (d) vocational training; and
- (e) work placements outside the prison.

(3) The Scottish Ministers may, in relation to work placements outside the prison provided under paragraph (2)(e), specify in a direction—

- (a) the groups or categories of prisoners who may be allowed to undertake such placements;
- (b) the circumstances in which, and the conditions subject to which, such placements may be provided to prisoners; and
- (c) the conditions which will apply to any prisoner or group or category of prisoners undertaking such placements.

(4) In carrying out the duty under paragraph (1) the Governor—

- (a) must arrange, so far as reasonably practicable, a programme of educational classes to provide prisoners with an opportunity to pursue their interests and needs; and
- (b) may arrange the provision of counselling (including group work activity) which is appropriate to the needs of prisoners.