
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Prison and Young Offender
Institution (Amendment) Rules 2021**

Amendment of the Prison Rules 1999

- 2.—(1) The Prison Rules 1999(1) are amended as follows.
- (2) In rule 2(1) (interpretation)—
- (a) after the definition of “officer” insert—
- ““pharmacy medicine” has the meaning given in regulation 8 of the Human Medicines Regulations 2012(2);
- “prescription only medicine” has the meaning as given in regulation 8 of the Human Medicines Regulations 2012;”;
- (b) after the definition of “prison minister” insert—
- ““psychoactive substance” has the same meaning as in the Psychoactive Substances Act 2016(3);”.
- (3) In rule 50 (compulsory testing for controlled drugs)—
- (a) in the title, after “controlled drugs” insert “, pharmacy medicines and other substances etc.”;
- (b) in paragraph 1, after “controlled drug” insert “pharmacy medicine, prescription only medicine, psychoactive substance or specified substance”.
- (4) In rule 51(9) (offences against discipline), after “controlled drug” insert “, pharmacy medicine, prescription only medicine, psychoactive substance or specified substance”.
- (5) In rule 51(24), after “controlled drug” insert “, pharmacy medicine, prescription only medicine, psychoactive substance or specified substance”.
- (6) In rule 52 (defences to rule 51(9))—
- (a) in the words before paragraph (a), after “to show that” insert “the controlled drug, pharmacy medicine, prescription only medicine, psychoactive substance or specified substance”;
- (b) in paragraph (a)—
- (i) omit “the controlled drug”;
- (ii) after “supply of the drug” insert “, medicine or substance”;
- (c) in paragraph (b)—
- (i) omit “the controlled drug”;
- (ii) after “such a drug” insert “, medicine or substance”;

(1) [S.I. 1999/728](#), amended by [S.I. 2018/960](#) and section 2(3) of the Prisons (Substance Testing) Act 2021 (c. 18); there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.

(2) [S.I. 2012/1916](#), to which there are amendments not relevant to these Rules.

(3) [2016 c. 2](#).

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(d) in paragraph (c) omit “the controlled drug”.