# Corrections Management (Transitional Release Program – Work Provider) Operating Procedure 2020

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# 1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Corrections Management (Transitional Release Program – Work Provider) Operating Procedure 2020.* 

# 2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after its notification day.

# 3 Operating Procedure

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I make this operating procedure to facilitate the effective and efficient management of correctional services.

Jon Peach Commissioner ACT Corrective Services 18 November 2020



OPERATING PROCEDURE	Transitional Release Program - Work Provider	
OPERATING PROCEDURE NO.	D26.6	
SCOPE	Community Corrections and Release Planning	

#### **PURPOSE**

To provide instructions to Transitional Release Program (TRP) staff on how to engage with an employer providing employment opportunities to a TRP participant.

#### **PROCEDURES**

# 1. Prior to engaging in employment

- 1.1. The ACTCS Employment Specialist will engage with community-based employers and businesses to enquire about their interest to employ the TRP approved detainee in either a paid or work experience capacity.
- 1.2. With the detainee's consent, the Employment Specialist will engage with a job service provider to assist the detainee with employment related expenses and support them into employment.
- 1.3. Once a business confirms interest in participating in the "Work Release Program", their ABN must be confirmed via the website <a href="https://abr.business.gov.au/">https://abr.business.gov.au/</a> and a copy of their business insurance provided to the Employment Specialist.
- 1.4. Where relevant and with the detainee's consent confirmed on an <u>ACTCS Consent to Release</u>

  <u>Information Form</u>, the Employment Specialist will provide information in confidence about the detainee's criminal record to the work provider.
- 1.5. The following information and forms must be provided to the employer to confirm and inform them of their obligations to ACTCS and to the detainee:
  - D26.F7: Work Provider Agreement
  - Information Sheet: Employing a Detainee or Offender in your Business
- 1.6. The Employment Specialist will liaise with the employer to determine whether an interview or work trial is appropriate and/or required to fill each identified position.
- 1.7. The workplace must nominate a Workplace Sponsor who will complete any/all required paperwork as per the *Sponsor Nomination and Agreement Procedures*.
- 1.8. The Employment Specialist will attend the site of employment to complete the <u>D26.F10:</u> <u>Workplace Assessment</u> as per the <u>Workplace Assessment Procedure</u>.
- 1.9. The Employment Specialist will provide the completed <u>D26.F10: Workplace Assessment</u> and <u>D26.F56: Work Provider Application</u> to the Senior Director, Programs and Reintegration (SDPR) to approve or refuse the work provider.
- 1.10. The Employment Specialist will inform the employer of the SDPR's decision.
- 1.11. A start date of employment will be agreed upon by the employer and the Transition Services Team Leader (TSTL).

- 1.12. Should ACTCS cancel an employment placement, refer to sections 10.9, 10.11 and/or 13 of the *Transitional Release Program Policy*.
- 1.13. All guidance regarding <u>D26.7: Work Provider Agreement</u> is outlined in sections 9.10-9.13 of the <u>Transitional Release Program Policy</u>.

### 3. Records Management

3.1. All forms and documents relating to both the offender and the work provider will be recorded on the Offender Management System.

#### RELATED DOCUMENTS AND FORMS

- Transitional Release Program Policy
- D26.F8 Sponsor Nomination
- D26.F7: Work Provider Agreement
- D26.F9: Sponsor Agreement
- D26.F10: Workplace Assessment
- Transitional Release Program Workplace Assessment Operating Procedure
- D26.F56: Work Provider Applications
- ACTCS Consent to Release Information Form
- Information Sheet: Employing a Detainee or Offender in your Business
- <a href="https://www.employment.gov.au/national-work-experience-programme">https://www.employment.gov.au/national-work-experience-programme</a>

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