

Australian Capital Territory

Corrections Management (PDC: Provision of meals) Policy 2011

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***Corrections Management Act 2007*, section 14(1) (Corrections policies and operating procedures)**

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Corrections Management (PDC: Provision of meals) Policy 2011*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after it is notified.

3 Policy

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PDC: PROVISION OF MEALS POLICY

attached to this instrument, to facilitate the effective and efficient management of correctional services.

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**PERIODIC DETENTION CENTRE:
PROVISION OF MEALS POLICY**



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Purpose

To outline the policy for the provision of meals for detainees at the Periodic Detention Centre (PDC).

Authority

Legislation

Corrections Management Act 2007, sections 14 and 40.

Crimes (Sentence Administration) Act 2005, chapter 5.

Policy

Principles

Detainees are entitled to be provided with sufficient food and drink to avoid hunger and poor nourishment.

Meals will be served at times consistent with the cultural norms of Australia.

Detainees may apply to be provided with a special diet on reasonable grounds (including religious, allergy, cultural, and spiritual).

Special diets

Vegetarian

Detainees may select a vegetarian option from the Menu Order Sheet.

Detainees who wish to receive a vegan meal may apply for this by submitting a Detainee Request Form to the Deputy Superintendent.

Religious

Detainees may apply for a diet consistent with a particular religion (for example halal or kosher foods) by submitting a Detainee Request Form to the Deputy

Superintendent. The Deputy Superintendent may seek advice from the Chaplain or any other person to assist them in making a determination.

Medical

Justice Health Services staff may request that a detainee be placed on a particular diet. This request will be made in writing to the Deputy Superintendent and will detail the reasons for the request.

Approval

The discretion to grant or deny a special diet rests with the Deputy Superintendent.

If the Deputy Superintendent approves a detainee's application to receive a special diet, he/she will advise the Catering Services Manager who will take responsibility for providing the diet.

The Deputy Superintendent will document the decision by making a case note in JOIST.

A detainee may seek a review of a refusal to approve a diet from the Superintendent.

Discontinuation

Detainees wishing to discontinue a special diet will submit a Detainee Request Form detailing the reasons for the discontinuation to the Deputy Superintendent.

Forms and Templates

Detainee Request Form

Related Policies and Procedures

Nil

Version Control

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