Australian Capital Territory

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

**Notifiable instrument NI2020-751**

made under the

**Corrections Management Act 2007, s14 (Corrections policies and operating procedures)**

**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**

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



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| **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. TheACTCS 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.
   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.
   3. Once a business confirms interest in participating in the “Work Release Program”, their ABN must be confirmed via the website <https://abr.business.gov.au/> and a copy of their business insurance provided to the Employment Specialist.
   4. Where relevant and with the detainee’s consent confirmed on an *ACTCS Consent to Release Information Form*, the Employment Specialist will provide information in confidence about the detainee’s criminal record to the work provider.
   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. 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.
  2. The workplace must nominate a Workplace Sponsor who will complete any/all required paperwork as per the *Sponsor Nomination and Agreement Procedures*.
  3. The Employment Specialist will attend the site of employment to complete the *D26.F10: Workplace Assessment* as per the *Workplace Assessment Procedure*.
  4. The Employment Specialist will provide the completed *D26.F10: Workplace Assessment* and *D26.F56: Work Provider**Application* to the Senior Director, Programs and Reintegration (SDPR) to approve or refuse the work provider.
  5. The Employment Specialist will inform the employer of the SDPR’s decision.
  6. A start date of employment will be agreed upon by the employer and the Transition Services Team Leader (TSTL).
  7. Should ACTCS cancel an employment placement, refer to sections 10.9, 10.11 and/or 13 of the *Transitional Release Program Policy*.
  8. All guidance regarding *D26.7: Work Provider Agreement* is outlined in sections 9.10-9.13 of the *Transitional Release Program Policy*.

1. **Records Management**
   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
* <https://www.employment.gov.au/national-work-experience-programme>

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