



# Prison Act (Northern Ireland) 1953

## 1953 CHAPTER 18

### RULES

#### 13<sup>F1</sup> Rules for the management of prisons.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act the [<sup>F2</sup>Department] may make rules to be styled “prison rules” for—
  - (a) the administration, regulation and management of prisons;
  - (b) the classification, segregation, accommodation, maintenance, clothing, treatment, training, employment, discipline, punishment and control of persons required to be detained in prisons;
  - (c) the temporary release, with or without suspension of the currency of the sentence, of persons serving a sentence of imprisonment; ...<sup>F3</sup> [<sup>F4</sup>, or a person ordered to be detained in a young offenders centre];
  - (d) the photographing, measuring [<sup>F4</sup>, palm-printing] and finger-printing of persons sentenced to be detained in prisons;
  - (e) the conduct, duty and discipline of the staff of prisons;
  - [<sup>F5</sup>(f) the functions of independent monitoring boards;]and different prison rules may be made for different prisons or classes of prisons.
- (2) Prison rules shall make provision for ensuring that a person who is charged with any offence under the rules shall be given an opportunity of answering the charge.
- (3) Prison rules may provide for the training of particular classes of persons.
- (4) Prison rules shall provide for the special treatment of the following persons while required to be detained in a prison, that is to say—

*Paras. (a)(b) rep. by 1968 c. 29 (NI); para. (c) rep. by 1980 NI 10; para. (d) rep. by 1968 c. 29 (NI)*

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- (e) any ...<sup>F6</sup> person detained in a prison, not being a person serving a sentence or a person imprisoned in default of payment of a sum adjudged to be paid by him on his conviction [<sup>F4</sup> or a person committed to custody on his conviction].

*Subs. (5) rep. by 1968 c. 29 (NI)*

*Subs. (6) rep. by 2005 NI 15*

- (7) Prison rules may make provision whereby a person serving such a sentence or for such a term as may be prescribed by the rules, may, on the ground of his ...<sup>F7</sup> good conduct, be granted remission of such part of that sentence or term as may be so prescribed; and on the discharge of a person from a prison in pursuance of any such remission his sentence shall expire.

[<sup>F8</sup>(7A) Prison rules may not provide for—

- (a) the grant of remission to a person imprisoned or detained in default of a payment of a sum adjudged to be paid by or imposed on his conviction of an offence or a sum treated for the purposes of any statutory provision as if it were a sum so adjudged or imposed;
- (b) the grant of remission to an offender in respect of a period of imprisonment under paragraph 5 or 6 of Schedule 3 to the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 (supervised activity order).]

- (8) A copy of the relevant prison rules shall be posted in a conspicuous place in every prison.

- (9) The [<sup>F2</sup>Department] may by prison rules make provision for any other matter which appears to the [<sup>F2</sup>Department] to be necessary or expedient for the purpose of carrying this Act into effect.

**F1** 1968 c. 20

**F2** Word in s. 13 substituted (12.4.2010) by Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/976), arts. 1(2), 6(1), **Sch. 4 para. 2(3)** (with arts. 28-31); S.I. 2010/977, **art. 1(2)**

**F3** 1968 c. 29 (NI); 1980 NI 10

**F4** 1968 c. 29 (NI)

**F5** 2005 NI 15

**F6** 1980 NI 10

**F7** 1976 NI 4

**F8** S. 13(7A) inserted (1.6.2018) by Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c. 21), **ss. 32(1), 61(2)** (with s. 32(4)); S.R. 2018/99, art. 2(a)

*S. 14 rep. by 1968 c. 29 (NI); 1976 NI 4*

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