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Institutions (Scotland) Rules 2011**

PART 15

TEMPORARY RELEASE

Forms of temporary release

136. For the purposes of this Part—

“home leave” means the unescorted temporary release from prison of an eligible prisoner for the purpose of enabling the prisoner to visit his or her home or other approved place for a period not exceeding 7 nights excluding travelling time;

“unescorted day release” means the unescorted temporary release from prison of an eligible prisoner for a period not exceeding one day, including travelling time, for the purposes of enabling the prisoner, in preparation for eventual release—

- (a) to develop further, or to re-establish, links with his or her family or community; or
- (b) to develop educational or employment opportunities;

“unescorted day release for compassionate reasons” means the unescorted temporary release from prison of an eligible prisoner for a period not exceeding one day, excluding travelling time, for the purposes of enabling the prisoner—

- (a) to visit any relative who it appears to the Governor is dangerously ill;
- (b) to attend the funeral of a near relative;
- (c) to visit a parent who is either too old or too ill to travel to the prison;
- (d) to visit the prisoner’s spouse, civil partner or co-habiting partner who, for whatever reason, is unable to travel to the prison;
- (e) to visit a child for whom they have parental responsibility and who, for whatever reason, is unable to travel to the prison; or
- (f) to attend at any place for any other reason where the Governor is of the opinion that the circumstances warrant it;

“temporary release for work” means the unescorted temporary release from prison of an eligible prisoner for a period not exceeding one day, excluding travelling time, for the purposes of enabling the prisoner—

- (a) to undertake a work placement outside prison in terms of rule 84;
- (b) to attend a college, university or other educational establishment in order to participate in vocational training or an educational class; or
- (c) to undertake voluntary work outside the prison in terms of rule 84;

“unescorted day release for health reasons” means the unescorted temporary release from prison of an eligible prisoner for a period not exceeding one day, excluding travelling time, for the purposes of enabling the prisoner—

- (a) to attend for treatment at a medical facility outwith the prison; or
- (b) to attend counselling outwith the prison.