
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1999 No. 728

The Prison Rules 1999

PART II

PRISONERS

PHYSICAL WELFARE AND WORK

Work

31.—(1) A convicted prisoner shall be required to do useful work for not more than 10 hours a day, and arrangements shall be made to allow prisoners to work, where possible, outside the cells and in association with one another.

[^{F1}(2) A registered medical practitioner or registered nurse working within the prison may excuse a prisoner from work on medical grounds.]

(3) No prisoner shall be set to do work of a kind not authorised by the Secretary of State.

(4) No prisoner shall work in the service of another prisoner or an officer, or for the private benefit of any person, without the authority of the Secretary of State.

(5) An unconvicted prisoner shall be permitted, if he wishes, to work as if he were a convicted prisoner.

(6) Prisoners may be paid for their work at rates approved by the Secretary of State, either generally or in relation to particular cases.

Textual Amendments

F1 [Rule 31\(2\)](#) substituted (1.1.2010) by [The Prison and Young Offender Institution \(Amendment\) Rules 2009 \(S.I. 2009/3082\)](#), rule 1, [Sch. 1 para. 3](#)

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Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Prison Rules 1999, Section 31.