



Policy Directive 55

Visitor Bans

- Relevant instruments:** [Prisons Act 1981](#)
- [Prisons Regulations 1982](#)
- [Adult Custodial Rule 3 - Privileges](#)
- [Adult Custodial Rule 7 - Communication - Visits](#)
- [Policy Directive 41 – Reporting of Incidents and Additional Notifications](#)

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1. Purpose

The provisions of s 66 of the [Prisons Act 1981](#) and r.54B and r.54BA of the [Prisons Regulations 1982](#) provide the chief executive officer with the power to ban a person from a prison for prescribed reasons, for a prescribed period. The power to ban is limited, by regulations, to those persons visiting under ss 59, 64 or 65 of the [Prisons Act 1981](#).

2. Scope

This Policy Directive applies to all public and private prisons and is to be applied with reference to all relevant legislation.

3. Policy

The Department of Corrective Services recognises the importance of prisoners receiving visits with friends and relations and welfare or advocacy representatives, for the purposes of maintaining contact with the community, improving their general wellbeing and assisting in their reintegration at the conclusion of their imprisonment.

Visitor bans shall only be applied in accordance with the relevant regulations. Visitor bans are to be used as a last resort and are not to be used as a means to punish a prisoner or a visitor.

4. Appendices

[Policy Directive 55 – Visitor Bans - Procedures](#)

[Appendix 1 – Visitor banning process](#)

[Appendix 2 – Notice of a ban to visit a prison\(s\)](#)

5. Policy review

This Policy Directive is to be reviewed on a biennial basis. Procedures to this Policy Directive may be amended by the Deputy Commissioner Adult Justice Services as necessary to reflect changes to prison processes.

6. Approved

Commissioner

Signature:



Date:

7. Policy sponsor

Assistant Commissioner Custodial Operations

8. Contact person

Director Security and Response Services

Principal Operational Policy Officer

9. Amendment history

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