

Correction Act - Correction Act Regulations

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Division 7 — Programs and Services for Inmates

Programs for inmates

38 (1) The person in charge must establish programs for inmates, including religious and recreation programs.

(2) As far as practicable, the person in charge must establish programs designed to assist inmates to

(a) improve their education or training, and

(b) reduce the risk they present to the community.

(3) An inmate must participate in programs as directed by the person in charge unless

(a) the inmate is excused in writing by a health care professional,

(b) the program is a religious program and the inmate does not choose to participate in it,

(c) the program conflicts with a recognized day of religious observance of the religious faith that the inmate practices, or

(d) the program is a work program and the inmate has not given his or her consent under section 3 (b).

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10.6.3. Diet

1. When an inmate has special requirements to observe dietary laws and practices established by their religion, the warden or designate, in consultation with the chaplain or appropriate religious leader, makes reasonable attempts to accommodate the diet, to the point of undue hardship, and considering the safety and security of the institution. A notation of approval is made on the inmate's file.
2. An established diet is maintained when an inmate transfers to another centre unless a change in the inmate's circumstances indicates a need for reassessment. A reassessment by the chaplain is not required following a transfer to another centre. Inmates cannot be removed from their religious diet for not following their diet.
3. Religious diets are accommodated in as timely a manner as reasonably possible. However, under some circumstances (for example, depending on local resources) there may be a delay in implementation. In these circumstances, inmates are consulted and offered options in managing their diet, including offering a regular vegetarian or vegan meal. The inmate may remove items from a meal at their discretion.