

EARLY TERMINATION OF GOOD BEHAVIOUR ORDER SUPERVISION

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1 PURPOSE

ACT Corrective Services (ACTCS) is committed to supervising offenders in line with the Risk Need Responsivity principle and providing for the effective delivery of interventions to higher risk offenders.

This policy establishes the eligibility and suitability requirements for early termination of supervision under a Good Behaviour Order.

2 SCOPE

This policy applies to Community Corrections and Release Planning staff.

Where required, the General Manager Community Corrections and Release Planning will establish operational procedures under this policy.

3 DEFINITIONS

Collateral checks

Information used to verify offender interviews, including Statements of Fact, recent Criminal History, interviews with co-residents, family members, and/or significant others, service records from external agencies etc.

4 PRINCIPLES

- 4.1 In accordance with Risk Need Responsivity (RNR) principles, offenders who are assessed as a lower risk of general reoffending require less interventions than offenders assessed as a higher risk of general reoffending.
- 4.2 The termination of supervision for lower risk offenders allows ACTCS to meet the treatment and compliance needs of higher risk offenders.
- 4.3 The authority to terminate an offender's supervision comes from the relevant condition on their Good Behaviour Order (GBO).
- 4.4 A current risk assessment (LSIR or LSIR:SV) must be available for a decision on early termination to be made.

5 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 5.1 Offenders may be considered for early termination of supervision where:

- a. there is a condition on the GBO that supervision can be of a lesser period as deemed by ACTCS; and
 - b. the offender has:
 - i. a current *Level of Service Inventory* (LSIR) risk rating of medium, medium/low or low; or
 - ii. a current *Level of Service Inventory Revised: Short Version* (LSIR: SV) risk rating of minimum.
- 5.2 Offenders with a GBO with one (1) or more offences of a sexual nature (of any type), will not be considered for early termination.
- 5.3 Offenders with a GBO with one (1) or more offences that are domestic violence related, will be considered for early termination, with additional collateral checks required (refer to section 8.3).

6 PROCESS FOR EARLY TERMINATION

- 6.1 Where a Community Corrections Officer (CCO) identifies that an offender may be eligible for early termination of supervision, they will:
- a. confirm the offender is eligible under section 5;
 - b. consider the relevant suitability criteria under section 7;
 - c. complete the relevant collateral checks under section 8; and
 - d. complete a Sentence Management Plan or Sentence Management Plan review (*Sentence Management Policy*).
- 6.2 Where the CCO has met the above criteria, they will submit the *Sentence Management Plan* or *Sentence Management Plan Review* to their Team Leader for consideration.

7 SUITABILITY CRITERIA

- 7.1 The offender's *Sentence Management Plan* confirms that:
- a. identified criminogenic needs (relating to the current offence) from the LSIR or LSIR:SV have been addressed through appropriately matched interventions or referrals;
 - b. conditions on the GBO have been addressed via appropriate intervention strategies or referrals; and
 - c. the offender has demonstrated overall compliance with their supervision obligations.

8 COLLATERAL CHECKS

- 8.1 Collateral checks will be conducted to ensure offender stability, as well as victim and community safety, inclusive of:
- i. information regarding the offender's employment status and confirmation of residence; and
 - ii. confirmation of social supports.
- 8.2 ACT Policing Intelligence must be contacted directly to confirm that the offender has no outstanding charges or pending court matters.
- 8.3 For domestic violence perpetrators, contact must also be made with:
- a. the ACT Policing Victim Liaison Officer to ensure no further victim safety issues or concerns; and
 - b. where the offender is residing with the victim, a home visit may be undertaken only at a time where the victim is present.

9 CONSIDERATION OF EARLY TERMINATION

- 9.1 On receipt of a C5.F1: Early Termination Recommendation Form, the relevant Team Leader must:
- a. check and sign off the LSIR / LSIR:SV;
 - b. sign off on the Sentence Management Plan Review in accordance with the Sentence Management Policy;
 - c. confirm the offender is eligible for early termination of GBO supervision under section 5; and
 - d. consider suitability of the offender under section 7; and
 - e. ensure collateral checks under section 8 have been undertaken and case noted (Case Note Policy); and
 - f. case note the decision to support / deny the early termination of GBO supervision including the justification of the decision.
- 9.2 Where the Team Leader has actioned all items under section 8.1, they will sign the C5.F1: Early Termination Recommendation Form and scan it to the offender's electronic record system.

10 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- A – C5.F1: Early Termination Recommendation Form

- B – Sentence Management Plan
- C – Sentence Management Policy
- D – Case Notes Policy
- E – Supervision Standards



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