

Oulu Prison

Information for prisoners

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1 General

1.1 Information on the prison

You have arrived in Oulu Prison. Oulu Prison functions as a remand prison for men and women. There are also fine default prisoners and sentenced prisoners in the prison. The prison has 85 prisoner places, 13 for women and 72 for men.

This is the information leaflet of the prison. Here you can find information on the operation of this prison and the practices regarding remand imprisonment and serving a prison sentence. You should also read the prison order, which contains provisions you have to follow.

Each ward has a daily schedule, which is the timetable of the ward. The daily schedule includes, among others, the opening and closing of the cell doors, outdoor exercise times, mealtimes, and activity hours. In addition, each accommodation ward has a folder containing the provisions on imprisonment, i.e., the acts, decrees, regulations, and instructions. One folder is also in the library. The prison rules are a separate document, which you will get when you arrive in prison. The daily schedule of the accommodation ward is on the notice board of the accommodation ward. You can also find information on the authorities overseeing the operation of prisons on the notice board.

If you are not a Finnish citizen, you may contact the diplomatic mission of your home country and, if possible, use an interpreter. If you are a remand prisoner, your communications with the diplomatic mission may, however, be restricted for a particularly important reason related to the clarification of the offence.

You can ask the staff if you have any questions or something is unclear to you.

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Postal address: Oulu Prison, PO Box 16, 90101 Oulu

Telephone (exchange): +358 29 568 6000

Email: oulu.vankila@om.fi and email to prisoners vankiposti.oulu@om.fi

1.2 Personal official and induction

You are appointed a personal official for the duration of your prison term. The personal official takes care of the smooth progress of your prison term and is actively present in your daily life. You can discuss issues concerning you with your personal official, such as the preparation of permission (for example, prison leave or visits), the use of online services and other everyday matters.

Your personal official will talk with you about your sentence plan and its goals and how to advance and achieve them.

The staff in your accommodation ward will introduce you to the practices of the ward. The staff can help you if you have any questions.

1.3 Sentence plan

If you are serving a prison sentence, an individual sentence plan has been drawn up for you before you arrive at prison. The plan will be specified in prison.

The sentence plan guides the serving of the sentence term, release and conditional release. It includes goals you should try to achieve during your sentence term. The sentence plan and the offered options determine in which activities you will be placed in prison.

You can influence the progress of your sentence plan by working together with the staff towards the goals set for you. The progress of the sentence plan affects, among other things, the granting of prison leaves and possible placement in an open prison or probationary liberty under supervision. The realisation of the plan is monitored regularly and reviewed at least three times a year.

If you are a remand prisoner, you will not be drawn up a sentence plan before you arrive at prison. However, with your consent, the preparation of your sentence plan may be initiated during your remand imprisonment.

2 Remand imprisonment

Remand imprisonment is not a punishment, but a coercive measure implemented during a criminal investigation and trial. The purpose of remand imprisonment is to secure a criminal investigation, court proceedings and enforcement of a sentence and to prevent the remanded person from continuing criminal activities. The court decides on remanding a person suspected of an offence.

Remand imprisonment ends when a court, a prosecutor, the police or other official with the power of arrest releases the remand prisoner. Remand imprisonment ends at the latest when the judgment of the District Court becomes final or the Court of Appeal issues its judgment.

You may also consent to the enforcement of the sentence and abide by the judgment of the District Court or the Court of Appeal as a court of first instance as regards the sentenced imprisonment even before the judgment has become final. In that case, you start serving the imposed prison sentence and your status changes from a remand prisoner to a prisoner.

The rights and obligations of remand prisoners are partly different from those of sentenced prisoners. For example, remand prisoners' communications may be restricted under the prerequisites laid down in the Coercive Measures Act. The restriction of communications may contain restrictions on correspondence, telephone use, meetings or other contacts outside the prison, or association with a person. The restriction of communications connected with remand imprisonment and the extension of the restriction is decided by the court. As a remand prisoner, you may not participate in activities arranged outside prison, such as civilian work or studies. In addition, remand prisoners cannot be placed in an outside institution or given permission for supervised activities outside prison.

If you are sentenced to unconditional imprisonment for an offence for which you have been remanded, the period of remand imprisonment will be deducted from your actual prison sentence. If you have been unduly remanded, you are entitled to compensation for the loss of liberty from the State. Compensation is applied for from the State Treasury.

Remand imprisonment can start unexpectedly and so that you have not been able to prepare for it. You can turn to the staff in all unclear matters.

3 Prison sentence and the objective of enforcement

The objective of the enforcement of imprisonment is to increase your readiness to lead a life without crime by promoting your reintegration into society. The members of the prison staff will work with you in various ways based on their job descriptions towards this objective. The aim is to promote your physical, mental, and social well-being and help you to achieve the goals set for the term of your sentence. If you have any questions, you can always turn to your personal official or other member of the prison staff.

3.1 Decision on the term of sentence

The Enforcement Unit makes a decision on your term of sentence at the beginning of your imprisonment. The decision includes:

- grounds for the calculation of the sentence term
- date when the prison sentence or conversion sentence for unpaid fines will be served
- date when conditional release or other release begins
- date when probationary period ends.

If you serve a sentence of life imprisonment, the decision includes the earliest date when you may be conditionally released. If you serve a combination sentence, the decision includes the supervision term and its start date.

3.2 Probationary liberty under supervision

You may be placed in probationary liberty under supervision at the end of your sentence term if the conditions for probationary liberty under supervision are met. You cannot be placed in probationary liberty under supervision if you are serving a combination sentence.

You may be placed in probationary liberty under electronic supervision a maximum of six months before your conditional release. Preparations for probationary liberty under supervision are made carefully together with the prison staff. You can influence the

possibility of probationary liberty under supervision by working together with the staff towards the goals set out in your sentence plan and by behaving properly during your sentence term. You can also apply for probationary liberty yourself.

4 Basic care and accommodation

4.1 Clothing, linen, clothing maintenance and cleanliness

You may wear your own clothes in prison. The use of your own clothes may, however, be restricted based on, among other things, the prison order. If you are not allowed to have a piece of clothing, you have the right to get a decision on the matter with instructions on submitting a request for an administrative review. The prison may supply you with clothes to use in prison, if you do not have appropriate clothing.

You have to be dressed properly within the prison area. If you are not sure whether your clothing is appropriate, you can always ask the staff.

When you work, you have to wear clothing in accordance with the regulations of the workplace. If the work requires you to wear work clothes due to, for example, occupational safety, you get appropriate work clothes and protective clothing from the prison. You must wash your work clothes yourself in the accommodation ward.

You get bedlinen, such as sheets, from the prison. In addition, the prison provides you with washing liquids to maintain normal daily hygiene. You can ask the prison staff if you need them.

All textiles, i.e., bedlinen and prison clothes provided by the Prison and Probation Service are washed in a laundry outside the prison. The prison staff tells you the exact days when the textiles are changed. You are responsible for washing your own clothes. You can use the washing machine in your accommodation ward. The staff in your ward can advise you how to use the washing machine. The prison provides the washing detergent. Prisoners placed in the reception ward must put their dirty laundry in a bag, which is given to the prisoners working as cleaners. They will wash the clothes and return them to the owners.

In prison, you have to take care of the cleanliness of your own cell. The order of the cell furniture cannot be changed due to safety reasons. All goods and clothes are stored in the cabinets. The cells have a mechanical ventilation system. The ventilation valves may not be blocked or covered. When you leave your cell, turn off the lights and electrical devices. Running the taps unnecessarily is forbidden. Every prisoner must tidy up after themselves in the common areas, for instance, after cooking. All rubbish has to be sorted in the bins according to the instructions. The prison staff gives you more detailed guidance on the cleaning equipment, the practices and the division of tasks regarding the cleaning of the common areas.

The electric wires are checked in each cell before a prisoner is placed there. If you have broken the wires on purpose, that electrical device is removed from your cell. If it is your personal property, it will be put among your civilian things in storage and you will not get them in your possession in Oulu Prison. If it is prison property, you will not get the device back in your own cell. As broken electrical devices are a fire risk, breaking them seriously endangers the safety of other prisoners and the prison staff.

4.2 Catering and prison canteen

In the wards located in the old part of the prison, the prison serves four meals on weekdays: breakfast, lunch, dinner and an evening snack. On days that are not actual working days, the prison serves breakfast, a combined lunch/dinner and an evening snack.

In the wards located in the new part of the prison, the prisoners prepare their breakfast themselves by using the foodstuffs provided by the prison. The prison serves other meals of the day.

When you arrive at the prison, the prison staff asks you if you have a special diet and give you a form to fill in. You should also tell us as soon as you arrive at prison if you need a special diet due to health reasons or a religious or other well-founded conviction.

You can visit the prison canteen once a week. The canteen day of your own accommodation ward is in the daily schedule. The prison canteen sells various foodstuffs, other everyday products, tobacco products and phone credit. You must pay your canteen

purchases with the Prepaid Card provided by the Prison and Probation Service (more information under the headline 7.2. Use of money).

4.3 Smoking

Smoking is prohibited inside the prison. You can smoke once a day during outdoor exercise, unless you have been denied outdoor exercise in an individual situation. You do not get cigarettes in your possession in prison, but you will get them from the supervision staff for the duration your outdoor exercise. The prison provides the lighters.

You can get nicotine replacement products to relieve possible withdrawal symptoms. In addition, the Health Care Services for Prisoners and the Prison and Probation Service support you if you want to quit smoking.

Smoking is prohibited in the prisoner transport vehicles and train carriages.

5 Possession of property

5.1 Goods in possession

You may possess a reasonable amount of personal property taking into account, among others, the prison storage facilities, fire safety and inspections. If you are denied the possession of an object or substance, you have the right to get a decision on the matter with instructions on submitting a request for an administrative review.

You have to read the prison rules carefully. They contain the rules concerning the possession of property and the objects you are not allowed to have in your possession.

If you want to acquire goods from outside the prison, make sure that you are allowed to possess or store them in prison before acquiring them.

The prison staff draws up an inventory of the property you brought with you. Goods that you cannot take in your cell are put in storage and you will get them back when you leave. You will not get back goods or substances that are dangerous or illegal.

If you want to exchange goods or get goods that are in storage into your possession, you must fill in the general inquiry form and address it to the reception ward. The staff inspects and delivers allowed goods in the order prisoners have requested them from the reception ward. You are not allowed to exchange goods directly with other prisoners. All goods must be exchanged and given into your possession via the reception ward.

5.2 Delivery of goods to prison

People coming to visit you may bring you one plastic bag (max. 30 litres) of goods, which that you may have in your possession, such as books, clothes, or personal utility articles but not, for instance, foodstuffs or tobacco products. The handles of the plastic bag must be tied so that the goods do not drop from the bag. Your visitor may bring goods only to you, not other prisoners. The goods must be given to the prison staff. The visitor must write who receives the goods, who delivers the goods and what the goods are in a form beforehand. All delivered goods must be listed on the form. The forms are also available in the visiting facilities. The goods brought by your visitor will be inspected and listed by the prison.

Besides during visits, you can also receive goods via post. You can only receive goods that you are allowed to have in your possession in prison.

The postal item must include the following information:

OULU PRISON / OULUN VANKILA

PRISONER'S NAME

PO Box 16

90101 OULU

If you do not want the delivery address to include Oulu Prison or Oulun vankila, you must add a separate paid home delivery service to your postal item. The home delivery to prison costs you EUR 10.

The storage facilities in the prison are limited, which means that all your property cannot be stored in the prison. Property that cannot be stored in the prison is sent, at your expense, to a place indicated by you.

5.3 Handing over goods to be taken outside the prison

If you want to hand over goods to be taken outside the prison by your family member or visitor, you must use the inquiry form to contact the reception ward. In the inquiry form, you must write a list of the goods you want to hand over and the name of the person to whom you want the goods to be handed over. The staff at the reception ward will collect the listed goods and deliver them to be handed over to the visitor on the day of the visit. You can also send your goods by post at your own expense. The staff can give you further instructions.

6 Contacts with the outside world

6.1 Use of telephone

You may communicate with those outside prison by telephone if your communications have not been restricted (more information about the restrictions of communications is under the heading 2 Remand imprisonment). Phone credit is sold in the prison canteen. You cannot receive telephone calls in prison and information about prisoners is not given over the telephone to people outside the prison.

In general, you use the telephone at your own expense. You may be allowed to make a telephone call at the expense of the prison to, among others:

- your advocate;
- an authority overseeing the operations of the prison;
- your close relative or other close person to inform them of your admission to prison;
- your close relative or other close person to inform them of your transfer.

You must carefully read the prison rules, which include the times when the telephones are available for use in each ward and the regulations concerning the use of telephone.

6.2 Letters and postal items

You may send letters by post if your communications have not been restricted (more information about the restrictions of communications is under the heading 2 Remand imprisonment).

You can leave outgoing letters in the letterbox at the ward. The prison staff empties the letterboxes on weekday mornings. The name of the sender must be written on a postal item sent from prison. If you do not want to write your name on the postal item, you must give it personally to the prison staff. The regulation is not applied to letters addressed to authorities supervising the operations of the prison and to bodies supervising the implementation of human rights. A list of the authorities supervising the operation of prisons is on the notice board of the ward.

You can receive letters and postal items in prison. Please note that the recipient information required in the address field of the parcel sent to you has to be in the following order:

- 1) Oulu Prison
- 2) your name
- 3) address of the prison:

PO Box 16

90101 OULU

- 4) Details of the sender

This ensures that your parcels come to the right place. The prison staff will not pick up parcels sent to you from the post office, but the parcels are delivered directly to the prison.

Letters and other postal items may be inspected in prison. Letters between you and the authorities overseeing the operations of the prison cannot be inspected. Letters between

you and your advocate may be inspected in exceptional circumstances. Letters are delivered every day.

If an incoming letter or postal item contains money or other objects or substances, which you are not allowed to have in your possession in prison, you have to give them to the prison staff immediately.

6.3 Receiving email

You can receive email in a closed prison. The email has to be sent to the address meant for sending email to prisoners: vankiposti oulu@om.fi. Your first and last name have to be written in the subject line of the email. The sender's first and last name have to be written in the message field so that you will know who sent the message.

The system deletes all attachments and pictures from the messages due to information security. You will only receive the email message.

You may be given permission to send and receive email messages by using the prison online workstation if your communications have not been restricted and it does not endanger, for example, prison order. Permission to use email may be granted for, among other things, handling official matters and studying. You can ask the prison staff for more information.

6.4 Use of internet and online workstations

The online workstations for prisoners offer limited access to the internet, Skype and the electronic learning environment Moodle. You may apply permission to use the internet by filling in a separate form.

The reason for the use of the internet may be:

- subsistence;
- work;
- studies;
- judicial matters;
- social matters;

- housing;
- other corresponding important reason.

When you apply for permission, you have to specify the reason for the use of the internet (for example, paying bills by using an online bank). The use of the internet may be monitored.

The prison staff can give you further information on the matter and guide you in the use of services that require strong e-identification. Those include many online services of the public authorities, such as the Social Insurance Institution of Finland (Kela) and the Tax Administration. Some online services can also be used to reach the goals set in the sentence plan, such as, rehabilitation and education. The start page of the online workstations called Portti (<https://www.rikosseuraamus.fi/fi/index/portti.html>) has links to online services, which are grouped by themes.

You can read more about the possibilities of using online services under the heading Online services. Information on arranging communication via video connection (Skype or VideoVisit) is available under the heading Visits.

7 Income and use of money

7.1 Income

You will be paid a tax-free activity allowance if you participate in work, education or rehabilitation. The activity allowance is EUR 3.01 or EUR 4.26 per day on the days you participate in an activity. At the beginning, the prison usually pays the lowest category of the activity allowance.

During the prison sentence, the paid category of the activity allowance is based on the achievement of goals set in the sentence plan and the duration and regularity of the participation in the activity. If you are a remand prisoner, the paid category is determined primarily by the duration and regularity of the participation.

The activity allowance may be left unpaid in full or in part if you receive financial support for the activity from other authority (for example study grant) or if payment is not necessary for some other comparable reason.

In addition to the activity allowance, you will be paid an expense allowance, which is 1.60 euro per each prison day, including weekends.

When you arrive at prison, you may be paid the expense allowance of the first 14 days in advance so that you can make necessary purchases. The paid advance will be deducted from the expense allowance paid you later.

7.2 Use of money

You will be issued with a Visa payment card by the prison. The prison staff stores the payment card. You can use the card by entering a personal PIN code.

You can use the payment card to pay your purchases in the prison canteen. In addition, you can use the payment card outside the prison to pay in shops and cafeterias and on trains, which accept a chip card. You can also withdraw a maximum of EUR 200 per month at cash machines in Finland. The payment card does not have the contactless payment feature and it cannot be used for online shopping. You can ask the staff about matters related to the use of the payment card.

Do not bring cash to prison. When you arrive in prison, you can make your purchases with your own bank card. The Prison and Probation Service pays all benefits you will receive to your payment card.

Your family members cannot transfer money straight to the issued payment card. They can transfer money to the joint prisoner account of the Prison and Probation Service where the money will be transferred to your payment card. You have to make sure that people who transfer money to you know the details of the joint prisoner account of the Prison and Probation Service. More detailed information on transferring money is available on the website www.rikosseuraamus.fi.

Please contact the prison staff if you want to send money or pay bills.

8 Visits

You can receive visitors, such as your family and friends, if your communications have not been restricted.

Different types of visits and meetings:

- supervised visit
- unsupervised visit
- visit by a child
- visit by a legal counsel
- supervised meeting between prisoners.

In addition, it is possible to communicate via video connection (Skype or VideoVisit).

You have to read the prison rules carefully. The prison rules contain more detailed information about the times, duration, conditions and application processes of visits.

You have to remember to apply for a visit in good time beforehand so that we have time to make arrangements for the visit.

All visiting facilities are smoke-free. There are toys and books for children in the visiting room. The visitors cannot bring their own toys, books or nappies to the visit. The visitors can bring items that are necessary for a small child, i.e., unopened baby food jars, unopened tetrapacks of baby milk, an empty feeding bottle and a dummy. The prison offers child visitors a juice box. You can ask the staff for nappies when needed.

You can bring a reasonable number of products bought from the prison canteen to an unsupervised visit and a visit by a child. The visitors must take all uneaten food products with them outside the prison after the visit or put them in the trash bin in the visiting room. You cannot bring any food products from the visiting facilities back to the accommodation ward. At the end of the visit, you have to take the rubbish and the linen that need laundry with you from the visiting facilities and leave the room tidy for next visitors.

Visits by under 18-year-olds

A minor person may only visit someone other than the minor's own parent with the consent of the person who has custody of the minor. A visitor who has attained the age of 15 may visit a close relative without the consent of the person having custody of the minor, if the person having custody of the minor has not expressly stated that they oppose the visit. If a minor visitor has been taken into care, the child welfare authority decides on the consent.

A visitor under 15 years of age is not usually allowed to enter prison without an escort.

A visit by a child under 15 years of age may be attended by other visitors than the child and the escort. However, you may only touch the child during the visit.

9 Prison leaves

You may be granted permission to leave the prison for a short period. This is called prison leave.

If you are serving a prison sentence, prison leave may be granted based on the length of the term of sentence or for an important or a particularly important reason. Remand prisoners may be granted prison leave only for a particularly important reason. Remand prisoners may also be granted short prison leave under escort in order to attend to an urgent and necessary matter.

You can apply for prison leave by filling in an application form. You have to give the carefully filled application for prison leave and its appendices to the staff of the ward.

The head of prison or the assistant director decides on prison leave. In some cases, the decision on prison leave is made by the director of the Core Operations Department of the Prison and Probation Service. Prison leave may also be granted under escort.

You have to fill in your application for prison leave in good time beforehand so that we have time to process it.

9.1 Prison leave based on the length of the term of sentence

You may be granted prison leave based on the length of the term of sentence if:

- the granting of prison leave promotes the implementation of your sentence plan;
- your compliance with the conditions of prison leave may be deemed likely; and
- you undertake to submit to the substance control and other necessary supervision.

You may be granted prison leave based on the length of the term of sentence when the earliest date for prison leave has been passed. It may be granted before the set date if you have carefully complied with your sentence plan if it is necessary for the implementation of the plan or, in an individual case, for the maintenance of your outside contacts or functional capacity or for another corresponding reason.

The maximum amount of prison leave based on the length of the term of sentence is three days within a two-month period.

9.2 Prison leave for an important reason

Prison leave may be granted for an important reason. A reason considered important may be related to, among other things, family, work, education, social welfare, housing, subsistence or health care.

Prison leave is granted only for a period that is necessary to attend to the matter in question.

9.3 Prison leave for a particularly important reason

A reason considered particularly important may be related to a serious illness or funeral of a close relative or other close person or other corresponding reason.

Prison leave is granted only for a period that is necessary to attend to the matter in question.

10 Participation in activities

If you serve a prison sentence, you have to participate in activities organised or approved by the prison during the working and activity hours. You will be placed in an activity based on, among others, your sentence plan. The activity may be work, education and training, or rehabilitation, such as programmes or individual work. You may be exempted from the

obligation to participate in activities if your state of health, functional capacity or age so requires.

If you are a remand prisoner, participation in work or other activities is voluntary. If you want to participate in activities, the prison aims to arrange it if possible. You may not, however, be given permission to carry out civilian work, studies, or other activities outside the prison or be placed in an outside institution. Remand prisoners work mainly as cleaners in the ward.

The staff can help you with the use of all prison services.

10.1 Work activities

In Oulu Prison, the work activities include cleaning in the ward, washing dishes in the kitchen or working in the carpentry workshop. The prison staff can tell you more about the work activities.

You may be given permission to carry out, on your own account, such work that is suitable for being carried out in prison. This is called own work. This kind of own work can be, for example, translations or handicrafts. Depending on the nature of the work, you may also carry it out in your own cell. In addition, you may be allowed to use the tools of the prison for your own work free of charge.

10.2 Studying

You may study during your prison sentence. You may be granted study permission, which means permission to study outside the prison.

In Oulu Prison, you can study in a classroom, independently in your cell or online by using the electronic learning environment Moodle. You can complete basic education and general upper secondary education studies. It is possible to continue the studies in other prisons. An outside educational institution arranges education preparing for a qualification (Tuva) in the prison. The carpentry workshop is educational, which means that you can complete parts of a qualification as you work there. The prison staff can tell you more about studying.

10.3 Rehabilitation activities

Oulu Prison arranges motivational discussions on substance use. Prisoners who sign a commitment to abstinence from substances can be placed in a contract ward. The contract wards are open prison wards that are located in the new part of the prison. Prisoners placed in a contract ward are required to commit themselves to abstinence from intoxicating substances and its control.

Oulu Prison arranges different kinds of rehabilitating activities. You can find information on the arranged services on the notice board of your accommodation ward or you can ask from the staff.

External cooperation partners also arrange rehabilitative activities in Oulu Prison. The regular cooperation partners include, among others, the Finnish home economics organisation Martat, Vuolle Settlement with its Via Vis activity, Kris-Oulu and Life without crime foundation RETS. You can get more information on the work of the cooperation partners from the prison staff or the notice board of your accommodation ward.

10.4 Online services

The implementation of the sentence plan can be advanced by using online services. The use of online workstations is described under the heading 6.4 Use of internet and online workstations. You can use the online workstation to, among others, have a meeting with the Social Insurance Institution of Finland (Kela) via remote connections or access the electronic learning environment Moodle.

10.5 Exemption from the obligation to participate in activities for a fixed period

Taking into consideration the implementation of your sentence plan, you may be exempted from the obligation to participate in activities for two weekdays per each calendar month if you participate in activities regularly.

If you are charged with an offence, you will be granted a necessary exemption from the obligation to participate in activities so that you can prepare your defence. You may be

exempted from the obligation to participate in activities also for some other important reason or due to a fixed-term incapacity for work.

11 Free time

11.1 Free time activities

In your free time, you may participate in free time activities arranged in the prison in accordance with the daily schedule and range of activities of the prison. If you want to participate in the planning and arrangement of free time activities, you can discuss it with the prison official responsible for them. For current information on free time activities, please read the notice board or the daily schedule of your ward or ask the prison staff.

The prison has a gym and a sports hall. You can exercise outdoors daily at times stated in the daily schedule of your accommodation ward. If your communications have been restricted, you must discuss your exercise and outdoor schedules separately with the prison staff.

The prison has various musical instruments, which can be played in the music room. In addition, the prison has a karaoke machine. If you want to ask about matters related to music, address a general inquiry form to the instructors.

11.2 Library

You may use the prison library and the public library services. The times when you can use the library are in the daily schedule of your ward. Newspapers are also delivered to the accommodation wards. You can also borrow books as interlibrary loans from the Oulu City Library.

11.3 Religious activities

You may take part in religious events and discuss religious issues. There is a chaplain working in the prison. You can contact the prison chaplain by filling in the general inquiry form. You can attend, for instance, Christian services and confirmation classes. Different parishes arrange services and other religious events in the prison.

12 Health care

The Health Care Services for Prisoners operates under the auspices of the Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare and is responsible for organising healthcare services for prisoners.

The Health Care Services for Prisoners has a polyclinic in the prison where you can discuss matters related to your health. At the polyclinic, you can book an appointment with a physician or a dentist. The nurse is present on weekdays. You can contact the polyclinic also in mental health issues.

You may be temporarily transferred to treatment or examination outside the prison if the Health Care Services for Prisoners cannot treat your illness or injury. When you are outside the prison, the prison staff will supervise you.

You can contact the polyclinic by using the general inquiry form. Envelopes are available in the accommodation ward. You can send the general inquiry form and other documents in a sealed envelope to the polyclinic by putting it in the letterbox in the ward or giving it to the staff of the ward.

You have to take medication given to you as instructed by the physician. The medicines are kept in a pill dispenser. Medicines are personal. You are not allowed to hoard them or give to other prisoners. You must return unused medicines to the staff in the pill dispenser. You can get a new insulin pen when you return the old pen to the staff.

If you have sudden health issues, contact the prison staff.

13 Behaviour in prison

Imprisonment and remand imprisonment are controlled by various rules and regulations. Therefore, you should familiarise yourself with the Imprisonment Act and the Remand Imprisonment Act. The prison order contains more detailed provisions and regulations, which you have to also follow.

You have to behave in an appropriate manner towards the prison staff, other prisoners and other people. Moreover, you have to follow the instructions and orders of the staff.

A disciplinary punishment may be imposed on you for violating:

- the Imprisonment Act;
- the Remand Imprisonment Act;
- the regulations of the Prison and Probation Service.

In addition, a disciplinary punishment may be imposed if you violate the prison rules, which state that the violation may be punishable by a disciplinary punishment, or you do not comply with a request or order issued by the prison staff in order to maintain prison order or prison safety and security.

A disciplinary punishment may also be imposed on you if you commit an offence in prison or otherwise under the supervision of a public official of the Prison and Probation Service for which the maximum expected punishment is a fine. Such offences are, among others:

- illegal use of a narcotic drug;
- obstructing a public official;
- resistance to a public official;
- escape or attempted escape;
- petty assault;
- assault or attempted assault;
- petty criminal damage;
- criminal damage;
- illegal threat;
- procurement of a weapon by a prisoner.

If you intentionally or through negligence cause damage to the prison (for instance, lost or broken devices), you are liable to compensate it. As a last resort, the matter will be decided by court.

14 Right to file a complaint or request an administrative review

14.1 Filing a complaint

You may file a complaint to an authority that oversees legality if you think that you have been treated inappropriately or suspect that an authority or a public official has not complied with the law or fulfilled the obligations. You can also bring any issues you have experienced to the attention of, for example, the head of prison by filling in the general inquiry form or writing a letter. Envelopes are available in the accommodation ward.

The primary solution should be to discuss the issue or conflict with the staff. It is usually the quickest way to solve it.

A complaint has to be filed in writing. Filing a complaint is cost-free. You may formulate the complaint freely in your native language.

A complaint concerning a matter dating back more than two years will not be admitted for consideration. An exception may be made for a special reason.

14.2 Contents of a complaint

When you file a complaint, you have to specify which act or omission of the Prison and Probation Service or its official you criticise.

The complaint has to include the grounds why you consider the conduct of the Prison and Probation Service or its official to be wrong.

You should state when the action or omission in question had occurred if possible.

You should mention if a complaint on the same matter has been filed elsewhere. In addition, include your name and contact information in the complaint.

14.3 Sending a complaint to an authority overseeing legality

The legality of the operation of the Prison and Probation Service and its units and officials is monitored by the internal control of the Prison and Probation Service, which is assigned to the Judicial Unit of the Prison and Probation Service.

In addition, the operation of the Prison and Probation Service is overseen by, among others, the Parliamentary Deputy Ombudsman. You may file a complaint on the same matter with more than one authority overseeing legality, but the complaint is generally admitted for consideration only by that authority where the matter was filed first.

A list of the authorities overseeing the operation of prisons is, for example, on the notice board of your ward. You can post your complaint directly to the authority overseeing legality yourself or ask the prison staff to send your complaint on your behalf. In your ward or elsewhere, you will have access to, for example, writing paper for drafting your complaint and envelopes in which you can close your confidential letter meant for a supervisory authority. You can leave it to the prison staff to be forwarded at the expense of the prison or post it yourself if you wish. You can leave your letter inside an envelope in the letterbox in your ward.

The complaint procedure is not generally meant for those decisions that are eligible for a request for an administrative review. However, the complaint process can be used to examine the procedures, such as whether your right to request a review has been respected.

The Prison and Probation Service cannot admit for consideration complaints regarding the health care or medical treatment of prisoners. The legality of the health care and medical treatment of prisoners organised and provided by the Health Care Services for Prisoners is overseen by the Regional State Administrative Agency of Northern Finland.

14.4 Request for an administrative review and appeal to Administrative Court

A request for an administrative review is the primary means of a legal remedy and appeal. The decisions of the Prison and Probation Service that are eligible for a request for an administrative review are listed in the Acts on the specific sanctions. The relevant provisions are:

- Imprisonment Act, chapter 20, section 1;
- Remand Imprisonment Act, chapter 15, section 1;
- Act on Probationary Liberty Under Supervision, section 40;
- Act on the Enforcement of Community Sanctions, chapter 14, section 86

Such decisions include instructions on submitting a request for an administrative review. The request for an administrative review has to be submitted in writing within seven days from the date you were informed of the decision.

You can send your request for an administrative review yourself to the decision-maker referred to in the instructions by post or email or give it to the head of prison via the staff or your ward within the time limit who then forwards it to the decision-maker.

If you send your request for an administrative review yourself by post, please note that the delivery is at your own risk. In general, letters should be delivered within 4–5 working days from the date of posting it. It is possible that, due to the postal delivery and its possible delays, the request for an administrative review you have sent yourself may not reach the decision-maker within the seven-day time limit, in which case your request for an administrative review cannot be admitted for consideration.

If you are not satisfied with the decision on your request for an administrative review, you may appeal against it to the Helsinki Administrative Court. The appeal instructions are attached to the decision you received. You can submit your appeal to the Administrative Court, for example, by post or through your legal counsel. You can also give it to the head of prison within the appeal period, who will forward your appeal to the court without delay.

15 Staff and managing affairs

If you have any questions, you can always turn to your personal official or other member of the prison staff.

Many outside cooperation partners visit and work in the prison. You can talk with them and participate in the different rehabilitative activities organised by them. You can get more information on the outside cooperation partners from the notice board of your ward and the staff.

The staff members working in the prison include, among others, prison officers, prison officials, instructors, senior instructors, chaplain, senior prison officials, assistant directors and the head of unit. In addition, nurses and physicians of the Health Care Services for

Prisoners work in the prison facilities. You can ask the staff for more detailed information on the responsibilities and duties of different officials.

You can get an appointment with a member of the prison staff by filling in the general inquiry form and returning it to the staff of your accommodation ward. The general inquiry forms are available in your accommodation ward. You must write on the form, why you want an appointment, so that the staff can forward the form directly to the official responsible for the matter.