



Division of Correction

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**.01 Purpose.**

This directive establishes policy and procedure regarding an inmate's involvement in a business.

**.02 Scope.**

This directive applies to each Division of Correction (DOC) facility.

**.03 Policy.**

The DOC shall ensure inmate involvement in a business is limited to activities that may not represent a threat to facility security, and may not interfere with or unduly burden facility resources or operations.

**.04 Definitions.**

A. In this directive, the following terms have the meanings indicated.

B. Terms defined.

- (1) "Business" means a for-profit or nonprofit activity, which offers a product or service in exchange for a payment.
- (2) "Internal Business" means business activity conducted principally within the facility by an inmate or inmates.
- (3) "External Business" means a business activity conducted principally outside the facility but an activity in which an inmate is involved.

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- (a) Neither the terms internal business nor external business are intended to include the approved business-like activities of authorized inmate organization.
- (b) External business includes the production and sale of an inmate-made craft item through a channel approved by the Commissioner of Correction.
- (c) External business includes the preparation and sale of a manuscript for publication, such as:
  - (i) Poetry;
  - (ii) A short story;
  - (iii) Novels; and
  - (iv) Musical compositions.

**.05 Responsibility.**

- A. An inmate may not participate in an internal business.
- B. An inmate may not participate in an external business in a manner, which is inconsistent with procedures governing facility operations. These procedures include, but are not limited to, those covering:
  - (1) Inmate visits;
  - (2) Phone access; and
  - (3) Mail.
- C. An inmate may not offer or provide the products or services of an external business to an inmate confined or detained in a facility of the DOC.
- D. An inmate may not agree to receive the products or services of an external business, as defined in this directive.
- E. The managing official of the Maryland Correctional Institute for Women (MCI-W), Maryland Reception, Diagnostic and Classification Center (MRDCC), and Metropolitan Transition Center (MTC) and any facility receiving parole violators shall provide information regarding this directive, as part of the orientation of a new inmate.
- F. An inmate who violates this directive shall be charged with applicable DOC rule violations.
  - (1) Materials and supplies connected with a prohibited business activity are contraband and shall be disposed of under the applicable policy and procedure.
  - (2) Any money connected with a prohibited business activity is contraband and shall be disposed of under the applicable policy and procedure.

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G. No facility directive is permitted.

**.06 Attachment(s).**

None.

**.07 History.**

This directive superseded DOC.185.0005, dated July 1, 1990.

**.08 Distribution.**

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