



New South Wales

# Children (Community Service Orders) Regulation 2000

under the

Children (Community Service Orders) Act 1987

His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following Regulation under the *Children (Community Service Orders) Act 1987*.

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## Explanatory note

The object of this Regulation is to repeal and replace, with no major changes in substance, the *Children (Community Service Orders) Regulation 1995*. The Regulation deals with the following matters:

- (a) conditions relating to the performance of community service work, including maximum hours of work to be performed each day, the taking of tea breaks and meal breaks and requirements to be observed by offenders performing such work (Part 2),
- (b) miscellaneous matters, including service of documents and the appointment of assigned officers and supervisors for the administration of children community service orders (Part 3).

This Regulation is made under the *Children (Community Service Orders) Act 1987*, including section 29 (the general power to make regulations) and various other sections referred to in the Regulation.

This Regulation is made in connection with the staged repeal of statutory rules under Part 3 of the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1989*.

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## Children (Community Service Orders) Regulation 2000

### Part 1 Preliminary

#### 1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the *Children (Community Service Orders) Regulation 2000*.

#### 2 Commencement

This Regulation commences on 14 April 2000.

#### 3 Definitions

(1) In this Regulation:

*offender* means a person in respect of whom a children's community service order is in force.

*the Act* means the *Children (Community Service Orders) Act 1987*.

*work site* means a place at which an offender performs, or is required to perform, community service work.

(2) The explanatory note and table of contents do not form part of this Regulation.

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## **Part 2 Conditions of community service work**

### **4 Maximum hours of work per day**

An offender must not be directed to perform more than 8 hours of community service work in any one day except by agreement between the offender and the assigned officer.

### **5 Tea breaks and meal breaks**

- (1) An offender may be given such tea breaks (at a rate of no more than 5 minutes for each hour for which the offender is actually engaged in performing community service work) as the offender's assigned officer or supervisor thinks fit.
- (2) An offender who has performed community service work continuously (or interrupted only by a tea break to which the offender is entitled under subclause (1)) for 4 hours is entitled to a meal break of 1 hour.

### **6 Computation of hours of community service work performed**

- (1) The following periods of time are to be taken to form part of the time spent by an offender in performing community service work:
  - (a) time spent by the offender while actually engaged in performing community service work,
  - (b) time spent by the offender in travelling between the offender's place of residence and the offender's work site,
  - (c) time spent by the offender in having any meal break or tea break,
  - (d) time spent by the offender at the offender's work site (otherwise than as referred to in paragraph (a) or (c)) in accordance with a direction given by the assigned officer or a supervisor,
  - (e) time that elapses between the offender's early release from community service work on any day and the time when the offender would (but for the early release) otherwise have been released.
- (2) The assigned officer for an offender may determine that the whole or any part of the time spent by the offender at a work site (whether or not the time is spent in performing community service work) is

to be deducted from any computation of the time spent by the offender in performing community service work if the offender, while at the work site:

- (a) is under the influence of drugs or alcohol, or
  - (b) conducts himself or herself in an offensive manner.
- (3) The periods of time referred to in subclause (1) (b) and (2) are to be determined by the offender's assigned officer in accordance with any relevant directions given by the Director-General.

#### **7 Offenders to comply with certain requirements**

- (1) An offender must, while performing community service work:
- (a) comply with such standards of dress, cleanliness and conduct as the assigned officer may from time to time determine, and
  - (b) keep in good order and condition such clothing and equipment as may be issued to the offender in connection with the performance of that work.
- (2) An offender must not damage or deface any property that is on or forms part of a work site otherwise than in the course of performing community service work in accordance with the directions of the assigned officer or supervisor.

#### **8 Inability of offender to comply with certain directions**

- (1) If an offender is directed to do anything that the offender is incapable of doing, the offender must, as soon as practicable, advise the assigned officer or supervisor of that fact.
- (2) An assigned officer or supervisor may, if satisfied that an offender is incapable of doing something that the offender has been directed to do, excuse the offender from having to comply with the direction even though the direction may have been given by some other assigned officer or supervisor.
- (3) Before excusing an offender from having to comply with a direction, or as a condition of excusing the offender, the assigned officer or supervisor may require the offender to furnish a certificate issued by a registered medical practitioner to the effect that the offender is incapable of doing the thing concerned.

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### **9 Travelling and transport arrangements**

The Director-General may, in such circumstances as the Director-General thinks fit:

- (a) provide transport for an offender between the offender's work site and the offender's place of residence, or
- (b) reimburse the offender for the offender's expenses in travelling between the offender's work site and the offender's place of residence or in performing community service work.

### **10 Work sites**

- (1) An assigned officer may, in accordance with section 18 of the Act, direct an offender to perform work for:
  - (a) any department or declared authority within the meaning of the *Public Sector Management Act 1988*, or
  - (b) a council or county council within the meaning of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
- (2) Such a direction may only be given if arrangements satisfactory to the Director-General have been made in relation to the availability, location and type of work to be performed by offenders.

## **Part 3 Miscellaneous**

### **11 Service of documents**

- (1) Service of a document under the Act or this Regulation is to be treated as having been effected if it is served by post at the last known address of the person on whom the document is required to be served.
- (2) However, a copy of a children's community service order made by an authorised justice may also be served personally on the person to whom the order relates.

### **12 Appointment of assigned officers: sec 16**

- (1) For the purposes of section 16 (1) of the Act, the Director-General may appoint any person who is, in the opinion of the Director-General, suitably qualified and of suitable character as an assigned officer in respect of the administration of a children's community service order.
- (2) A person so appointed is entitled to be paid such remuneration (including travelling and subsistence allowances) as the Director-General may determine in respect of the person, unless the person is an officer or temporary employee of the Public Service.

### **13 Appointment of supervisors**

- (1) The Director-General may appoint any person who is, in the opinion of the Director-General, suitably qualified and of suitable character to supervise persons in the performance of community service work.
- (2) A person so appointed is entitled to be paid such remuneration (including travelling and subsistence allowances) as the Director-General may determine in respect of the person, unless the person is an officer or temporary employee of the Public Service.

### **14 Supervisor to report to assigned officer**

A supervisor must, when required by an assigned officer to do so, report to the assigned officer on any matter relating to an offender under the supervisor's supervision.

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### **15 Applications for extension of order: sec 20**

An application under section 20 of the Act for the extension of the period for which a children's community service order is in force must be in writing and in such form as the Director-General may from time to time determine.

### **16 Application for revocation of order: sec 21**

An application under section 21 of the Act for the revocation of a children's community service order must be in writing and in such form as the Senior Children's Magistrate may from time to time determine.

### **17 Repeal and savings**

- (1) The *Children (Community Service Orders) Regulation 1995* is repealed.
- (2) Any act, matter or thing that, immediately before the repeal of the *Children (Community Service Orders) Regulation 1995*, had effect under that Regulation continues to have effect under this Regulation.

BY AUTHORITY

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