



State of North Carolina
Department of Correction
Division of Prisons

POLICY & PROCEDURES

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Section: .0700
Title: **Inmates Conducting
Personal Business**
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.0701 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines which prohibit inmates from conducting business (i.e. providing goods or services) for compensation.

Inmate operation of a business of any nature or any unapproved inmate activity for compensation is a threat to institutional order and safety. These threats include but are not limited to the staff resources required to monitor activities for compensation, the need to avoid an inmate being viewed as a potential source of funds or other benefit, avoiding disputes among inmates and limiting the potential for fraud.

.0702 POLICY

Inmates are prohibited from receiving compensation of any sort, tangible or intangible, for performing any activity or service, except for authorized incentive wage or work release assignments. Compensation may not be provided directly or indirectly. Inmates are also prohibited from conducting business (providing goods or services) for deferred (future) compensation.


.0703 PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES FOR PERSONAL COMPENSATION

Activities and services that are specifically prohibited for personal compensation include but are not limited to the following:

- (a) Solicitation of others (staff, inmates, public) to purchase or procure any product, service or thing of value. This prohibition does not include authorized solicitations for gifts or contributions which are directed to a bona fide charitable organization or to a Division of Prisons Special Account (refer to Fiscal Policy .2100).
- (b) Requesting or accepting funds from any person in direct or implied exchange for correspondence, telephone contact or other communication. An example of prohibited activity would be an inmate threat to end correspondence with another unless or until additional funds are deposited to the inmate's trust account.
- (c) The sale or offer to sell any craft, document, artwork, or personal activity or service produced or allegedly produced by the inmate.
- (d) Lending, loan sharking, or bartering or trading of any funds, product or other thing of value.

.0704 SPECIAL PROVISIONS

If an inmate can demonstrate that he/she was already engaged in a legitimate business or commercial enterprise prior to incarceration, the facility head is authorized to permit a reasonable number of visits or correspondence as needed solely for the purpose of conserving existing resources or for terminating appropriately that business or commercial enterprise.

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