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**CERTIFIED INSTITUTIONS**  
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136 of 1990.

(Section 12)

[1<sup>st</sup> December, 1990.]

Short title.

1. These Rules may be cited as the

**CERTIFIED INSTITUTIONS (CHILDREN'S  
REFORMATION) RULES.**

Interpretation.

2. In these Rules the expression -

(i) "Chief Executive Officer" means the Chief Executive Officer to the Ministry for the time being responsible for Social and Community Development.

(ii) "Manager" shall mean the person for the time being in charge of the certified institutions, no matter by what other title he may be known.

Duties of  
Manager.

3. The Manager shall be responsible to the Social Development Officer and to the Chief Executive Officer for the proper administration of the Princess Royal Youth Hostel, Gwen Lizarraga Girls Centre and Listowel Boys' Training School.

Manager to  
comply with  
recommendations  
of Board of  
Governors.

4. The Manager shall carry out any recommendation issued by the Board of Governors as to the educational and vocational training to be afforded, and as to any other aspect of the running of the institutions subject to the approval of the Ministry.

5. No child or young person shall be received into the institutions unless under a detention order under section 2 of the Act; such child or young person admitted shall be known as "a resident". Admission of Residents.

6. The Manager shall maintain a case record of each resident from the date of his admission. Case records.

7. (i) Every resident admitted to the institutions may be brought before the Board of Governors by the Manager as soon as possible after admission, and at six monthly intervals thereafter. Interviews.

(ii) On each occasion a progress report on the resident's training together with a report from the probation officer on the home conditions shall be submitted to the Board.

8. The Manager may grant leave of absence from an institution to any resident for a period not exceeding 72 hours. Any request, for an extended period must be approved by the Chief Executive Officer, or Social Development Officer. In every case an authority for such leave will be issued on the form approved by the Minister. Leave of Absence.

Provided that extended leave of absence shall not be granted to any one resident more than once in one calendar month.

9. (i) The Board shall make recommendations to the Minister as to the conditions for the release on licence of any residents. Release on Licence.

(ii) While on licence the probation services or the after care officer through the Manager shall provide regular reports to the Board.

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| Revocation of Licence.                                     | 10. The Manager shall receive back into the Institution any resident the Board recommends to the Minister should have his licence revoked.  |
| Discipline.  | <p>11. (a) No resident shall be placed in mechanical restraints</p> <p>(b) Corporal punishment may only be applied across the buttocks with a light cane to a maximum of four strokes only.</p> <p>(c) All punishments will be recorded in a "Punishment Register" which will be presented to and initialed by the Chairman of the Board of Governors.</p> <p>(d) No resident shall be placed in close confinement.</p> <p>(e) No resident shall be punished for any alleged offence until such complaint has been fully investigated by the Manager or his assistant. In each case an entry will be made at the time in the "Case Record".</p> |
| Persistent refusal to respond to training; how dealt with. | 12. Any resident who persistently refuses to respond to training shall be reported to the Board of Governors.   |
| Punishment for misbehaviour.                               | <p>13. The Manager or his assistant may order the following punishments for misbehaviour:-</p> <p>(a) Extra work for up to 7 days (not to exceed 2 hours in any one day).</p> <p>(b) Loss of privileges for up to two months.</p> <p>(c) Four strokes with a light cane, provided that the instrument has been approved by the Board of Governors.</p>  |

14. Any resident who absconds from an institution shall, *in lieu* of any summary proceedings being taken against him, be brought before the Board of Governors, who may award any one of the following punishments:- Absconding from institution.

(a) strokes with a light cane up to a maximum of four;  
or

(b) loss of privileges for up to 28 days; or

(c) extra work for up to 28 days.

15. Every resident must be afforded every opportunity to continue his education, and as far as possible be allowed to attend recognized day school. Education.

In order that the provisions of these Rules are complied with, the younger age group (that is up to 14 years) will normally be detained at the Princess Royal Youth Hostel.

16. (i) Every resident who performs work for reward may be required to contribute up to 25% of his earnings to General Revenue to off-set part of his maintenance at the institution. Wages.

(ii) He shall be required to contribute 10 percent of his gross weekly earnings to a fund to be known as the "Recreations Fund".

(iii) The balance of his gross weekly earnings will be credited to a personal account in the Government Savings Bank.

17. No officer or servant of a certified institution may use residents as their personal servants nor cause any work to be done for or on their behalf by residents without payments. Use of Labour.

- Accounts. 18. The Manager or his assistant shall maintain an account book of each resident, which shall be presented for audit inspection.
- Health. 19. All new residents will be medically examined:-
- (i) On admission and at quarterly intervals thereafter.
  - (ii) Any resident who appears to be in need of medical attention shall receive the same without delay.
  - (iii) Any outbreak of contagious disease, whether or not it appears to be of a serious nature, shall be reported forthwith and in writing by the Manager or his assistant to the Chief Executive Officer.
  - (iv) The Manager will cause the blankets and clothing to be laundered regularly.
  - (v) The manager will be responsible for the cleanliness of the institutions at all times.
- Religious Worship. 20. Every resident shall be allowed to attend divine worship of the faith to which he belongs at least once weekly.
- General. 21. As much as possible contact will be maintained between the residents and the community in order that the rehabilitation of the residents shall be furthered thereby.
- Repeal of Statutory Instrument. No. 14 of 1971. 22. The Princess Royal Youth Hostel and Listowel Training School Rule of 1971 are hereby repealed.



**MADE** by the Manager on 21st day of November, 1990.

**(WILLIAM SKEEN)**  
*Manager*

**APPROVED** by the Minister on 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1990.

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Community Development*