



Offenders (Day of Release from Detention) Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 25

1 Days on which offenders may be released from detention

(1) Section 23 of the Criminal Justice Act 1961 (Prison Rules) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (3), after “shall” insert “(subject to subsection (3B))”.

(3) Before subsection (4) insert—

“(3B) The Secretary of State may direct that a prisoner who would, apart from this subsection, be discharged on a working day immediately before a non-working day, must instead be discharged on a day referred to in subsection (3C).

(3C) The days are—

- (a) the last eligible working day before the day on which the prisoner would otherwise be discharged;
- (b) the last eligible working day before that eligible working day.

(3D) In this section—

“eligible working day” means a working day that is not immediately followed by a non-working day;

“non-working day” means—

- (a) a Saturday or Sunday, Christmas Day, or Good Friday, or
- (b) any day that is a bank holiday under section 1 of the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971 in England and Wales;

“working day” means a day that is not a non-working day.”

(4) After subsection (4) insert—

“(5) In subsections (3), (3B) and (3C), the references to a prisoner also include references to a person detained in—

- (a) a secure children’s home, or

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(b) a secure 16 to 19 Academy,
in pursuance of a sentence or order referred to in section 163(1) of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022.

(6) In subsection (5)—

“secure children’s home” means—

- (a) a children’s home in England, within the meaning given in section 1 of the Care Standards Act 2000, which provides accommodation for the purposes of restricting liberty;
- (b) residential premises in Wales which provide a secure accommodation service, within the meaning given in Part 1 of the [Regulation and Inspection of Social Care \(Wales\) Act 2016](#) (anaw 2);

“secure 16 to 19 Academy” has the meaning given in section 1B of the Academies Act 2010.”

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 1 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 3\(3\)](#)
- I2** S. 1 in force at 12.12.2023 by [S.I. 2023/1329](#), [reg. 2](#)

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