

State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

(agency name)

Administrative Order No. 84-01

(1) I, Amos E. Reed, director of the Department of Corrections

do promulgate and adopt at Olympia, Washington (place)

the annexed rules relating to:

Amend: WAC 137-48-020
WAC 137-48-060

(2) ALTERNATIVE A. Use only for Adoption of Permanent Rules.

This action is taken pursuant to Notice No. filed with the code reviser on These rules shall take effect:
[ ] thirty days after they are filed with the code reviser pursuant to RCW 34.04.040(2).
[ ] at a later date, such date being

(2) ALTERNATIVE B. Use only for Adoption of Emergency Rules.

I, Amos E. Reed, find that an emergency exists and that this order is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare and that observance of the requirements of notice and opportunity to present views on the proposed action would be contrary to public interest. A statement of the facts constituting the emergency is:

In order to comply with the intent of a court order.

These rules are therefore adopted as emergency rules to take effect upon filing with the code reviser.

(3) Pursuant to the requirements of RCW 34.04.026 that every agency shall incorporate the most specific, but in no case omit all, of the following language alternatives when adopting or amending rules fill in statement (a), (b), or (c) as appropriate:

[ ] (a) This rule is promulgated pursuant to RCW and is intended to administratively implement that statute.

[ ] (b) This rule is promulgated pursuant to RCW which directs that the

(agency)

has authority to implement the provisions of

(name of act or RCW citation)

[X] (c) This rule is promulgated under the general rule-making authority of the

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(agency)

as authorized in RCW 72.09.050, 72.08.103, 72.13.080, 72.15.040

(4) The undersigned hereby declares that the agency has complied with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act (chapter 42.30 RCW), the Administrative Procedure Act (chapter 34.04 RCW) and the State Register Act (chapter 34.08 RCW) in the adoption of these rules.

(5) This order, after being first recorded in the order register of this agency, is herewith transmitted to the Code Reviser for filing pursuant to chapter 34.04 RCW and chapter 1-12 WAC.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED January 30, 19 84

By Amos E. Reed

Amos E. Reed, Secretary

Title

STATE OF WASHINGTON
APPROVED AND ADOPTED

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CODE REVISER'S OFFICE

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order 83-09, filed 9/27/83)

WAC 137-48-020 DEFINITIONS. (1) "Contraband" consists of all illegal items, alcoholic beverages, and other items which a resident of a correctional institution may not have in his/her possession, as defined in regulations adopted by the superintendent of an institution and approved by the secretary.

(2) "Emergency situations" are critical illnesses, deaths, emotional crises, or similar situations experienced by members of the inmate's family or the inmate.

(3) "Illegal items" are controlled substances as defined and listed in chapter 69.50 RCW or any weapon, firearm, or any instrument which, if used, could produce serious bodily injury to the person of another.

(4) "Indigent inmate" means an inmate who has ~~((not-been-credited with more than ten dollars total from any source(s) for deposit to the inmate's trust fund during the thirty days preceding a mail request of postage to be paid by the institution or has))~~ less than a ~~((ten))~~ five dollar balance in his/her trust fund account and on the day of the postage request and during the seven days preceding the postage request.

(5) "Inspection of mail" means the physical act of opening, touching, smelling, and/or reading of mail, the use of mechanical or chemical systems and/or the use of animals to determine the presence of contraband or illegal items.

(6) "Legal mail" is correspondence to or from courts and court staff (judges, clerks of the court, judicial law clerks, etc.), attorneys and persons working for attorneys and to established groups involved in the representation of inmates in judicial proceedings (ACLU, legal services groups, etc.), and government officials or agencies. To be considered "legal mail" the correspondence must clearly be marked "legal mail" on the outside of the envelope.

(7) "Letters" consists of personal communications and enclosures to and from inmates including, but not limited to, handwritten or typed communications.

(8) "Mail" consists of letters, publications, or packages delivered by the United States Post Office or by other means.

(9) "Packages" means the immediate container or wrapping and the contents therein in which any item is contained for consumption, use or storage by inmates, and for purposes of this chapter, also means any shipping container or outer wrapping and the contents therein used by retailers to ship or deliver any item to inmates where it is the only such container or wrapping.

(10) "Publications" consists of reproduced handwritten or pictorial materials including books, periodicals, newspapers, and pamphlets.

(11) "Secretary" is the secretary of the department of corrections or his/her designee(s).

(12) "Superintendent" means the superintendent of a correctional facility or his/her designee(s).

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WAC 137-48-060 MAIL COSTS. (1) Except as otherwise stated in this section, mail costs shall be the responsibility of the inmate.

(2) Mail which arrives at the institution with postage due may, at the option of the superintendent, be delivered to the inmate. The institution may pay the postage due in accordance with subsection (3) of this section, or hold the mail for a reasonable period of time so as to allow the inmate to arrange for payment of the postage due. If such arrangements are not made within the time provided, the package may be donated to charity or discarded.

(3) Indigent inmates shall be authorized to receive postage for a maximum of ~~((five))~~ ten letters per week. This postage shall cover both legal and regular correspondence irrespective of the number of letters identified as legal mail. This shall also include costs advanced by the institution for postage due mail.

(4) Any expenditures made by the institution for postage for indigent inmates may be recouped by the institution whenever such indigent inmate has a five dollar or more balance in his/her trust fund account.