



Ministry of Justice

Community Sentence Order Requirements

For offences committed on or after 4 April 2005

This handout tells you about the Unpaid Work Requirement that the court has decided you must do as part of your sentence. You might also be given other handouts to help explain any other Requirement or Requirements the court has decided you must do.

Unpaid Work Requirement

You will be expected to carry out work that is demanding and that will benefit other people. When you do this work you will be paying back the community for the harm or damage your offending has caused.

There are lots of different types of work available. The officer responsible for your sentence (your 'responsible officer') will talk to you about what will be most suitable for you. They will tell you when and where you will be working.

You will have to work at least 6 hours a week and finish the Requirement within 12 months. If you have a job during the week you will be able to work at weekends.

As well as making amends to the community, the work may also help you to learn new skills and get on better with those around you.

From 1st January 2010 if you have been given an order for 200 or more hours of Unpaid Work (Community Payback), or your offence was for 'possession of a knife or other bladed article' you will be required to attend /complete your order over 3 days a week.

If you need help or advice about anything to do with your sentence, you can always talk to your Offender Manager.

We keep information about you in our records. It is kept safely and securely. If you want to find out about seeing this information please ask your responsible officer.