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**1. Policy**

- 1.1 A reintegration leave is required anytime a young person (YP) is authorized to leave the grounds of a custodial facility for a specified time, with or without escort. The associated reintegration leave certificate defines the terms and conditions the YP must follow during the leave.
- 1.2 A reintegration leave certificate is required whenever a YP is authorized to be unescorted on the grounds outside the physical structure of the youth custody facility
- 1.3 YPs serving custody sentences may apply to the Youth Custody Manager at any time during the sentence for a reintegration leave for medical, compassionate, or humanitarian, reintegration or rehabilitative reasons.
- 1.4 Remanded YPs may only be released for medical or emergency humanitarian reasons and will be escorted by Correctional Services staff in accordance with Policy and Procedures, 40.01.00, Young Person Security Escorts Outside the Facility.

**2. Authority**

- 2.1 In accordance with Section 91 of the Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA), a provincial director may approve a reintegration leave with conditions for a YP serving an adult custody sentence pursuant to section 76(1)(a) YCJA or a youth sentence imposed under paragraph 42(2) (n) (o) (q) or (r) YCJA.
- 2.2 Section 91 of the YCJA authorizes two types of reintegration leaves as follows:
  - 2.2.1 full reintegration leave, not to exceed 30 days
  - 2.2.2 recurring leave for part of a day
- 2.3 In addition, section 78 of the *Correctional Services Act*, sections 100 through 108 of the *Correctional Services Regulations* and sections 3(m) and 28 of the *Youth Justice Act* permit conditional releases of YPs.

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### 3. Types of Reintegration Leaves

- 3.1 Reintegration leaves are releases from custody, with or without a staff escort, for medical, compassionate and humanitarian reasons or to meet the rehabilitative and reintegration needs of the YP as identified in the YP's reintegration plan.
- 3.2 Medical leaves may be granted to a YP to obtain medical, dental, or psychological treatment that is not available in the custody facility.
- 3.3 Compassionate or humanitarian leaves may be granted for such reasons as serious illness, death of a close family member, or birth of a child.
- 3.4 Rehabilitation leaves may be granted for approved education, on-the-job or other training and special programs or counselling available outside the custody facility.
- 3.5 Reintegration leaves may also be granted for various activities which are part of the reintegration plan intended to assist YPs in successfully reintegrating into the community. Examples include
  - 3.5.1 family visits
  - 3.5.2 religious/spiritual/cultural events or holidays
  - 3.5.3 job searches
  - 3.5.4 employment
  - 3.5.5 meeting with education officials
  - 3.5.6 recreation activities
  - 3.5.7 opportunities to practice life skills, e.g., shopping for school supplies

### 4. Designations

- 4.1 Pursuant to Order in Council 2003 -131, and section 78 of the *Correctional Services Act* the following classes of persons can approve or deny a reintegration leave application, set conditions, and revoke all types of reintegration leaves
  - 4.1.1 Executive Director, Correctional Services
  - 4.1.2 Director, Correctional Services
  - 4.1.3 Manager, Correctional Services

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4.1.4 Manager, Policy and Programs

4.2 The Youth Custody Manager Nova Scotia Youth Centre, may approve the following reintegration leaves

4.2.1 escorted reintegration leaves

4.2.2 all types of reintegration leaves that are consistent with the YP's approved reintegration plan where a single period of the release does not exceed 96 consecutive hours.

4.3 The following positions may approve escorted reintegration leaves for medical purposes

4.3.1 operational managers in adult facilities designated to house young persons in custody

4.3.2 Officers in Charge, Nova Scotia Youth Centre

**5. Application and Notification**

5.1 YPs serving custodial sentences may apply for reintegration leaves at any time during the period in custody.

5.2 YPs will be informed regarding

5.2.1 the application and review process for reintegration leaves

5.2.2 reasons for denial or revocation of a reintegration leave

**6. Appeal**

6.1 Young persons (YP) serving custodial sentences may appeal

6.1.1 a decision to deny a reintegration leave application by the Youth Custody Manager of the Nova Scotia Youth Centre (NSYC) or other designated staff member

6.1.2 a decision made to revoke a reintegration leave

6.2 Reintegration leave appeals will be processed in accordance with Policy and Procedures Subject No. 5.05.00, Appeal Process.

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