

STATE OF OHIO



DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION
AND CORRECTION

SUBJECT: Inmate Minimum Release Amount	PAGE <u> 1 </u> OF <u> 3 </u> NUMBER: 78-REL-03
RULE/CODE REFERENCE: 5120-3-08	SUPERSEDES: 78-REL-03 dated 04/10/15
RELATED ACA STANDARDS:	EFFECTIVE DATE: February 9, 2016
	APPROVED: 

I. AUTHORITY

This policy is issued in compliance with Ohio Revised Code 5120.01 which delegates to the Director of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction the authority to manage and direct the total operations of the Department and to establish such rules and regulations as the Director prescribes.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to develop a procedure that establishes the minimum amount to be given to qualified and eligible inmates upon their release from incarceration in accordance with Administrative Rule 5120-3-08, Inmate Compensation for Work Program Assignments and Related Matters.

III. APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to all inmates released from an institution of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction and to all institutional staff responsible for implementing inmate release procedures at each institution.

IV. DEFINITIONS

Lawful Release - All legally authorized methods of releasing inmates from an institution of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction to include: release on parole; shock parole; definite sentence release; intermediate transitional detention release; conditional release; electronic monitoring early release; approved post release control; and parole following furlough.

V. POLICY

It is the policy of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction that in order to assist with the inmate's successful reintegration into the community, any balance remaining in an inmate's personal account at the time of his or her lawful release shall be paid to the inmate upon release. In addition, each inmate shall be given the amount in their earned prisoner compensation or an amount not less than specified by this policy.

VI. PROCEDURES

- A. At the time of lawful release, the total number of days an inmate has been incarcerated with the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction shall determine the inmate release amount to be paid as follows:

1-90 Days	\$25.00
91-180 Days	\$40.00
181-365 Days	\$65.00
Over 365 Days	\$75.00

- B. Those inmates released on risk reduction, Intensive Program Prison (IPP), furlough and transitional control shall be paid the inmate release amount of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) and shall not receive payment again if returned to an institution due to a violation of the terms or conditions of their lawful release. Inmates released on shock probation, suspended or vacated sentence, 80% court release, prison sanction time or re-parole and inmates released on detainers, away with leave to court status for suspended or vacated sentence, or judicial release, shall be paid only that amount in their personal account.
- C. Those inmates with earned prisoner compensation funds shall receive those funds in lieu of the above stated amount. (If less than the amount indicated above, the inmate shall receive compensation up to the amount stated.)
- D. If an inmate will be released with less than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00), the entire amount may be given to the inmate in cash. If the inmate will be released with one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) or more, the inmate may receive up to one hundred dollars (\$100.00) in cash, and the remainder shall be paid by check.

If a release debit card program is implemented, an inmate may receive amounts of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) on a release debit card. Amounts under twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be given to the inmate in cash. Funds in excess of \$500.00 shall be paid by check unless the inmate kites the cashier a minimum of five (5) calendar days prior to their release date to request the funds be placed on the release card.

Upon the inmate's release, the inmate shall receive an explanation of the amount of funds being issued and shall be directed to complete the forwarding address section and sign the Release Statement form (DRC1364New).

- E. Those inmates released from an institution who have no available means of transportation may, at the Managing Officer's discretion, be provided funds, in addition to the amount specified in section VI.A, B, or C above, to purchase a one-way non-refundable ticket to their appropriate destination via public transportation and cash money to purchase his or her meals while en route, up to fifteen dollars (\$15.00) if the destination is in Ohio, and up to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per day if the destination is outside Ohio and the trip is scheduled to last more than twelve (12) hours.

- F. Inmate release amounts from sections VI.A, B, and C shall not be applied toward transportation or meal costs, outstanding court costs, RIB fines, child support, or other holds on the inmate's account.

Related Department Forms:

Release Statement

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