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Need to move interstate while on parole?

A prisoner or parolee can seek an interstate parole transfer. If this transfer is approved, it will allow you to permanently live in a State or Territory other than Queensland.

When to apply?

- You can apply at the same time you submit your parole application; or
- In the months before you are released onto court ordered parole; or
- While you are in the community on parole

Who is eligible to apply?

Two criteria must be met in order for you to be eligible for an interstate transfer of parole:

- 1) There must not be any appeal action outstanding regarding the sentence to which the transfer relates; and
- 2) There must not be any breach action outstanding regarding the sentence you wish to transfer.

Each receiving State or Territory may also impose rules around the type of offences they are willing to accept.

How to apply

To apply you will need to complete the *Offender Application and Consent Form: Interstate Transfer of Parole Orders*. You can get this form from Sentence Management or contact PLS for a copy. In this application you will need to provide the following information:

- Which State or Territory you wish to live in;
- Why you would like to live there, eg. support network, stable accommodation, employment; and
- The address where you will live.

What happens next?

Once you have submitted your application it will be forwarded to the receiving State or Territory and they will make a decision. In reaching this decision a Home Visit Assessment will take place to confirm the address you have chosen is suitable for parole. You will be notified in writing of the decision.

How long will the application take to process?

An application may take up to three months to be processed.

Do you also need to submit a Queensland address if you are applying for parole?

This is your decision; you can submit a Queensland address either as an alternative or to allow your parole application to be processed more quickly. If you have a court ordered parole date coming up and are still waiting for approval on your interstate parole transfer, you should source Queensland accommodation so that you are not homeless upon your release. If you do not have anywhere to live in Queensland, you can speak to the transitions support worker at your centre, as they may be able to help you.

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A travel permit will allow for a parolee to travel interstate for a set period of time. These permits are meant for temporary travel, not to allow you to live interstate permanently.

Types of travel permits

- Supervised: While interstate you will need to report to an assigned parole office near to where you are staying
- Unsupervised: You will not need to report to an interstate parole office

How long will a travel permit last?

- If you are on board ordered parole the District Manager of your parole office can grant a permit for 7 days. If you are still in prison when you apply the General Manager of your Centre can grant a 7 day permit for you to travel upon your release to parole.
- If you are on Board ordered parole and would like to travel interstate for longer than 7 days, you will need to get the Parole Board Queensland's approval.
- If you are on court ordered parole the District Manager of your parole office can grant a permit for more than 7 days. If you are still in prison when you apply the General Manager of your Centre can grant the permit.

Whoever grants the leave permit can place conditions upon your travel which you must follow. When the travel permit ends you must return to Queensland.

How to apply?

To apply you will need to complete the *Offender Application and Consent Form: Interstate Transfer of Parole Orders*. Depending on the type of parole order you are subject to and how long you wish to travel will determine who you will need to submit the application to, see above.

How long will the application take?

Generally, these applications will be determined quicker than an interstate parole transfer. As they do not require consultation with the state you wish to travel to or a Home Visit Assessment.

If you need legal advice about parole, you can call PLS for free on the prison Arunta telephone system on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 1pm or write to us at GPO Box 257, Brisbane, QLD, 4001.

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