

What does the Corrections Act do?

- Allows for the designation of buildings as correctional facilities.
- Outlines the powers and duties of the director of corrections.
- Allows for the appointment of community corrections (probation) officers, and outlines their duties and responsibilities.
- Makes rules regarding the operation of correctional facilities, including rules for inmates and how inmates are to be treated by staff.
- Governs the transfer of inmates between facilities.
- Allows for the creation of rehabilitative programs, including programs in the community.



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**The proposed made in
Nunavut Corrections Act**

What is the focus of the proposed new legislation?

The proposed new Act will focus on three main areas:

- Increasing fairness for inmates inside correctional facilities.
- Incorporating Inuit societal values and Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit.
- Updating the legislation and incorporating modern corrections practices.



What is being considered to increase fairness for inmates in the new legislation?

Provisions being considered include:

- Better information for inmates regarding life in the correctional facilities, which includes information on their rights and responsibilities.
- A grievance procedure with the ability for appeal outside the corrections division.
- Changes to disciplinary boards, including the possibility of oversight outside of the corrections division.

How will Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit (IQ) principles and Inuit societal values be incorporated?

Provisions currently being considered include:

- Rewriting the Nunavut Corrections Services sections regarding the purpose of the legislation so they align with restorative justice principles and Inuit societal values.
- Encouraging the creation and integration of culturally appropriate programs when available.
- Recognizing Nunavut's official languages legislation and the need to develop more services and programs for Inuit Inmates
- Improving recognition and oversight of outpost camps, including recognition of the significant importance the outpost camp program has in the reintegration of inmates into their community.

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Why replace our current corrections legislation?

Nunavut inherited the Corrections Act from the Northwest Territories in 1999. The last major amendments to the legislation were made more than 30 years ago. Over the last 30 years, a lot has changed, and while the corrections division's policies and priorities have kept up to date and in line with best practices, the Act is now out of date.



What is being updated?

Provisions being considered include:

- Oversight and limits on segregation (solitary confinement).
- Updating the regulation making provisions.
- Use of force provisions consistent with the directive and national standards.
- Creation of a compliance officer.