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WORK AND DEVELOPMENT PERMIT SCHEME (WDP)

Information for people with fines

Can I work off my fines?

You may be able to work off your fines through a work and development permit if you:

- have a mental or intellectual disability, disorder or illness
- have an addiction to drugs, alcohol or volatile substances
- are experiencing homelessness
- are experiencing serious financial hardship, or
- are a victim survivor of family violence.

What fines could I work off?

Some of the fines you can work off are:

- parking fines
- traffic fines
- tolling fines, and
- others.

You cannot work off:

- court fines
- fines that have been paid
- fines registered Children's Court
- some fines that have been enforced

How can I apply?

You need an approved sponsor who will decide if you are eligible for a WDP. To do this, the sponsor might ask you to show evidence of your eligibility.

If they decide to sponsor you, they will apply for a WDP for you.

How do I find a sponsor?

Are you engaged with an organisation or health practitioner?

Yes

If they are already a sponsor they can decide to sponsor your WDP and apply for one for you.

If they aren't a sponsor, they can contact the WDP team to learn how to become one.

No

You can search the WDP Sponsor List to find an approved sponsor at

fines.vic.gov.au/WDP-Sponsor-Search

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More information

fines.vic.gov.au/support/work-and-development-permit

1300 323 483 between 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, weekdays, except public holidays

wdp@justice.vic.gov.au

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What activities or treatment can I do to work off my fines?

There are different activities and treatments you can do as part of a WDP. Some of these are listed below.

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Unpaid work

- cooking
- cleaning
- property maintenance
- planting trees
- rubbish, weed or graffiti removal
- retail.

Courses

- floristry
- community welfare
- counselling
- cooking
- driving
- anger management.

Treatment

- face-to-face sessions with a nurse, psychologist or medical practitioner.
- treatment for a drug or alcohol addiction.

Counselling

- financial counselling
- drug or alcohol
- gambling addiction counselling
- counselling under a mental health treatment plan.

Mentoring

- career-based
- community-based
- school based.

For eligible people under the age of 25.

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Support

If you need legal or financial assistance visit:

fclc.org.au or legalaid.vic.gov.au

fcvic.org.au/get-help

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