

Visitation Procedures

VISITING DAYS & TIME

DAY	VISITING HOURS
Mon / A–F	9:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.
Tue G–L / Thu M–R / Fri S–Z	9:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

VISITOR REQUIREMENTS

General visitors

Apply at least two weeks ahead and await SMS approval; no walk-ins. Visitors must be 18 or older and present valid photo identification.

Food days

Food days are the first and third Wednesdays.

Visitor conduct

Visitors are searched, must follow the dress code and prohibited-item rules, and remain supervised by officers.

Legal visitors

Attorneys, NGOs, CBOs and others apply via the Attorneys and Others form, with valid professional or government ID. Max three persons; declare all items; tape recorders need written approval.

Special visits

Confirm approval and current institutional requirements before travelling.

Safety and searches

Inmates, visitors, staff and authorized items are searched. Controlled access, CCTV and emergency procedures support security.

Dress code and orderly conduct

No sleeveless or off-shoulder tops, shorts, leggings, crop tops, or tight clothing.

Dress Code



Neat, modest attire is required; visitors who are not appropriately dressed will be refused entry.

Prohibited Articles



Items strictly prohibited on the premises:

- Weapons and ammunition
- Drugs, alcohol and other intoxicants
- Tobacco products
- Electronic communication devices
- Recording devices
- Unauthorized food (oats, cup noodles, etc.)
- Unauthorized medications
- Cash and valuables
- Parcels

Possession or introduction of prohibited articles will result in Police action and possible charges.



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St. Catherine District Adult Correctional Centre, 1 White Church Street, Spanish Town, St. Catherine, Jamaica

(876) 967-2429
dcs.gov.jm

REFERENCES

Primary authorities

- The Corrections Act, Laws of Jamaica (as amended).
- Correctional Institution Rules made under section 81.
- The Parole Act.
- DCS rules, regulations and institutional procedures.

Please confirm current procedures with the institution before travel.



ST. CATHERINE DISTRICT

ADULT CORRECTIONAL CENTRE

EST. 1776 • CAPACITY 850

INSTITUTIONAL OVERVIEW

Established in 1776 on a site used as a prison since 1655, the institution survives in modified form and operates as a male maximum-security centre.

OUR MISSION

Supporting a secure, safe and just society through rehabilitation, reintegration and active community support.

VISITOR & INMATE INFORMATION GUIDE



TEAM ST. CATHERINE



MEDICAL CENTRE



DCS NEXUS: SECURE RECORDS



REHABILITATION IN ACTION

Institutional Structure

Uniform institutional hierarchy



Civilian Staff

- Medical Doctor
- Rehabilitation Manager
- Teachers
- Case Managers
- Chaplain
- Secretary

Reception & Orientation

- Formal admission and verification of custody documents
- Registration, identification and security screening
- Initial medical and welfare assessment
- Risk, needs and classification assessment
- Orientation to rights, responsibilities and procedures procedures
- Housing, referrals and essential items issued

Health Care Services

- Medical and dental — routine and emergency care
- Mental health — psychological and psychiatric assessment
- Sick parade, emergencies, referral and transfer
- Chronic-disease monitoring, annual exams and infection control

Daily Routine

- Work and rehabilitation** — 6:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
- General population** — 9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.; 2:00–2:00–4:45 p.m. morning and afternoon movement movement periods.
- Activities** — education, training, approved work, work, recreation, and life skills
- Responsibilities** — counts, security, hygiene, and supervised cleaning

Nutrition & Food Services

Balanced meals and prescribed diets support individual medical and institutional needs. Special dietary accommodations are provided for inmates with medical or specific nutritional needs, with meals prepared and served in accordance with their dietary requirements.

Security & Public Safety

- Controlled access, gate management, and Nexus data protection
- CCTV monitoring, security technology, and authorized searches
- Emergency action prevents escape, violence, or serious injury
- Emergency, fire-safety, and disaster procedures

Discipline & Grievance

Charges and evidence are heard, and a defense is allowed. Decisions are recorded, with an appeal within 72 hours. Complaints are reported, and serious officer misconduct may be referred to INDECOM.

Parole, Remission & Release

Parole: Over 12 months — after one-third of 12 months, whichever is greater; life after 10 years. Foreign nationals are ineligible.

Remission: One-third off for first-time offenders, one-quarter for repeat.

Applying: Fixed address, support, job prospects; reapply 12 months after refusal.

Release: On completion. Parole Orders supervised by Aftercare Officers.

Rehabilitation & Reintegration

Rehabilitation pathways support safer reintegration:

- CSEC, diploma and university study; carpentry, carpentry, welding, landscaping and tailoring tailoring
- Counselling and life skills; sports, discipline and teamwork
- Practical experience, employability and productive work
- Release planning, supervision, throughcare and aftercare



Rehabilitation does not end with release.

Post-Care Support

- Supervision by Probation Aftercare Officers
- Rehabilitation Grant for start-up or study

Accommodation Standards

Classification and medical standards govern accommodation. Clothing, bedding, and sanitation sanitation support health and comfort in accordance accordance with international standards.