

Work Search Reviews

ASE for prison leavers working with Community Rehabilitation Companies (CRCs)

1. Some prison leavers will have had their access to the WP deferred because they are undertaking activities to resettle into the community.
2. Resettlement activities must be taken into account when assessing whether a claimant has met the Actively Seeking Employment (ASE) condition of entitlement by doing all that could be reasonably expected of them to look for work.
3. If a claimant states that undertaking a resettlement activity meant that they couldn't undertake certain agreed work search activities or undertake them as frequently as agreed, the impact of undertaking the resettlement activity on their work search activity must be considered when deciding whether the claimant did all that could be reasonably expected of them to find work.

Note: Although Community Rehabilitation Companies (CRCs) don't operate in Scotland, these policies and procedures apply to those providing similar support to prison leavers.