



# CYPRUS PRISON DEPARTMENT INMATES EDUCATION



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# SCHOOL STRUCTURE

Prison School is under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Justice. Education curriculum is prepared in a collaboration between Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Education and Culture.

## School Sections in All Blocks

- School Blocks 1-2
- School Blocks 5-8
- School Block 9
- School Block 3 (Females)
- Special Block 8 (Juveniles)
- Open Prison School
- Workshops (Vocational Training)



## Education Structure Factors

At the beginning of each school year the educational needs of each prisoner are identified through a specific questionnaire and, based on these needs, guidance is given on his / her educational choices. This process is done for all prisoners locals and foreigners. Especially for the foreign Prisoners the questionnaire is written in a language that they can understand or it is explained to him by a courses should take as its starting point the needs of each inmate.

All courses are capable of combining with employment or other activities such as orientation to working life, validation, work practice or other forms of education. It must be flexibly designed in terms of time, place, content and working forms to enable students to take part.

# Participation

Participation results are very encouraging since more than the half prison population attend at least one course

Acad. Year 2014-2015 : 185 Inmates

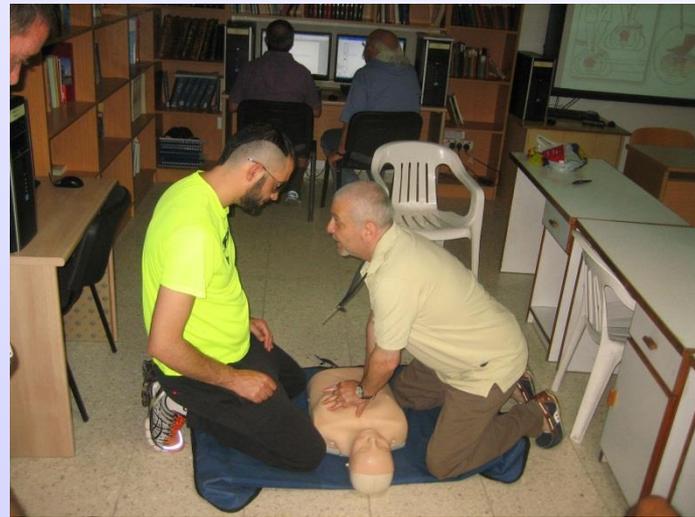
Acad. Year 2015-2016 : 250 Inmates

Acad. Year 2016-2017 : 396 Inmates



# A Non Stop School

Since education is a priority for Cyprus Prison Administration and also inmates asked about that, Cyprus Prison School operates 12 months per year. With the support of volunteer teachers , NGOs and collaborated companies a special education program is applied during summer , Christmas and Easter time.



## **Inmates Education as a Priority**

The main aim of the administration is the reformation and rehabilitation of the prisoners and so special emphasis is given on the educational, vocational and rehabilitation programmes for the detainees and their linear reintegration to the society according to European standards.

## **Equal Education Opportunity**

Education is one of the most important factors for recidivism reduction. Administration vision is to give detainees an equal opportunity for education as in the free society



# Separating educational programs

Cyprus prison education is separated into :

## 1) FORMAL EDUCATION

- Primary Education
- Secondary General Education
- Secondary Technical and Vocational Education



All above formal education courses are provided by the Ministry of Education and Culture and are fully compatible with, and equally recognized as the formal education courses which are currently offered outside prison.

***All inmates have the access to join the formal education system and obtain a recognized high school certificate***

# Separating educational programs

## 2) INFORMAL EDUCATION

- Skills Development

More than 30 thematic areas such as Art, Music, Dance, ICT Skills, Psychology, Hagiography, Fashion Design, Interior Design, Accounting, Languages etc



All above informal education courses are provided by the Ministry of Education and Culture and Adult Education Centres which is a significant programme which provides general adult education in Cyprus within the framework of providing lifelong learning opportunities. The main objective of the Adult Education Centres is the general development of each adult's personality as well as the social, financial and cultural development of citizens and society in general.

***All inmates have the access to join the informal education system and obtain a recognized certificate of attendance***

# Separating educational programs

## 3) VOCATIONAL TRAINING COURSES

- **Courses Provided by M.O.E.C Evening Technical School**

- \* Woodcraft-Carpentry
- \* Hospitality-Culinary Arts
- \* Electrical Engineering
- \* Plumbing-Cooling Systems
- \* Welding
- \* Graphic Design Arts

- **Courses Provided by Cyprus Productivity Centre (KEPA)**

- \* Air Conditioning Installation
- \* Photovoltaic systems
- \* Vehicle Maintenance
- \* Secretarial Studies
- \* Plumbing
- \* Health and Safety



# Separating educational programs

## VOCATIONAL TRAINING COURSES

MOEC and KEPA are the official government agencies providing vocational training in Cyprus



### Vocational Courses Implementation Factors

When it comes to implementing a new Vocational Training Course, several factors are taken into account. With the most important being the following: a) prisoners' Preferences (Through questionnaires and personal interviews at the beginning of each academic year. This Research shows the interests and the professional training needs of the inmates b) The tendency observed in the preferences of the students outside prison (this trend is important because it shows the shift of society towards certain professions) c) the job prospects of professionals in each group as measured by the employment service of the Ministry of Labour and social security and the statistical office each year. d) The laboratory facilities available in the Prison Department so that the course can be supported and implemented.

*All inmates have the access to join Vocational Training Courses and obtain a recognized certificate of attendance*

# Separating educational programs

## 4) Higher Education

Cyprus Prison Department also provides the opportunity of university studies using distance learning or tutoring method. Greek and English University courses are available for the prisoners in order to choose

### **Collaboration with the Following Universities**

- Neapolis University
- Frederick University
- University of Nicosia
- European University Cyprus



**All collaborated universities offering a 65% discount to tuition fees and free scholarships to destitute inmates**

# **Juveniles, Females and Foreign Nationals**

# Juveniles

Juvenile detainees have the equal opportunity to attend all educational courses provided by the Prison School.

Particular emphasis is given to the Formal Education curriculum for obtaining high school certificate.

They also have the right to attend Higher Education by distance learning or tutoring method.

Additionally, specialized training programs are being carried out, which are exclusively aimed for juvenile detainees in order to strengthen their social and learning skills so that they can easily reintegrated into society and avoid recidivism.

# Juveniles

More specifically, the following specialized education courses were implemented

**\*PEBBLE (PRISON EDUCATION BASIC SKILLS BLENDED LEARNING)** A European program aimed at the development of literacy, computer and math skills.

**\*Psycho-educational Teams:** Teams developing social, psychological and educational skills in young prisoners in co-operation with the Mental Health Department.

**\*Wide Wings Program:** Experiential workshops offered by volunteer Neapolis University postgraduate students to juvenile detainees aimed at developing their socialization.

**\*"From Youth to Youth" program :** is a personal development program that ultimately aims at preventing addiction behaviors

**\*ViSC Program with Professor Olga Kountouri's co-operation:** The ViSC program aims at developing the social, emotional and intercultural skills of juvenile inmates and dealing with unpleasant situations such as bullying and gangs within prisons.



# Females

Female Inmates are not facing any discrimination according to educational programs in relation to male Inmates.

All Educational courses provided to men are also provided to Female Inmates and are described in detail above.

Especially for Females , **the European FEFI - Finding Education for Female Inmates** program aims to identify any specific educational needs of women in order to exchange good practice among the participating European countries.

In addition, specialized courses such as fitness programs (Yoga, zumba) and handicraft programs with which they are particularly involved (Hagiography, Jewel) are also offered to Female Inmates.

From Academic Year 2015-2016 until now, special lectures aimed to develop parental skills of female prisoners who are mothers are provided to Female Inmates.



# Foreign Nationals

Cyprus Prison Department treats both foreign and local prisoners with equality. All Foreign prisoners can apply **to all educational courses that are offered.**

Foreign Prisoners are encouraged to learn a language that allows them to communicate with the other prisoners and with the Staff. Since in Cyprus the formal Languages are Greek and English, Foreign prisoners join the courses of Greek for Foreigners and English for Beginners (If they don't know english).

Both courses are specially designed by the Ministry of Education And Culture and the Adult Basic Education Center in Cyprus. Both courses offered on a weekly basis, three hours each. *A special book that is written in a special way for them is given to any Foreign Prisoner who applies for the course.*

The way of delivering is the classroom model in small groups but they can also work individually and on tempo of each learner Every month, a group lesson is organised in order for the students to engage in a Knowledge exchange course.

# Foreign Nationals

**To all participants a certificate from the Cyprus Ministry of education and Culture is awarded at the end of every school year. Also participants have the opportunity to take the language exams and acquire a certificate for good knowledge of the language.**

**For all the education and training courses that are offered in Cyprus Prison Department, the necessary certification is provided which is recognized by the Cyprus education system and all the qualifications awarded are recognized and can be continued by foreign prisoners in the country in which they are likely to reside after release.**

## **Prisoners With Particular Difficulties**

Inmates with particular Difficulties and especially those with reading or writing problems are treated equally as inmate students. Furthermore a special education educator is employed in order to emphasize on those people.

## **Prisoners with Disabilities**

Inmates with special disabilities are also faced equally by the Cyprus Prison administration. We collaborate with various bodies such as the School of the Blind, the Deaf School and the special education unit of Ministry of Education and Culture in order to have special educational material and equipment. At the same time, these organizations are able to provide educational programs specifically for the smoother living of these people, such as reading, ways of communicating and moving blind people and others.

# Teaching Staff

**All teaching staff is qualified and accredited by ministry of Education and culture. Every academic year the needed staff is chosen from a formal list which is prepared by the Ministry of Education and Culture based on the credits are coming by the qualifications of each trainer. All our trainers are in the top 3 of that formal list.**

**Furthermore, all educators who teaching the courses speak both Greek and English and they can deliver their lessons to all prisoners in both languages. In special cases where a foreign prisoner wishes to attend one of the courses and does not speak English or Greek, a same speaking language student is chosen for sitting next to him and translating him so that he can participate.**

# Other Education Collaborations



Kenthea is the main non-governmental organisation for prevention in Cyprus, implements all the community programs for prevention in collaboration with the Local Governments. Kenthea provides to inmates Education on Drugs and Treatment of Drug Dependent Persons



Microsoft in collaboration with logicom created a computer lab into Cyprus prison and they provide certified computer skills courses



Cyprus Telecommunications Authority offered computers and other audiovisual equipment for Females School class. They also provide special lectures about employment and entrepreneurship.

# STUDENTS EVALUATION

All inmates progress is evaluated with semester exams and final exams. Furthermore inmates frequently evaluate their teachers and courses with special questionnaires

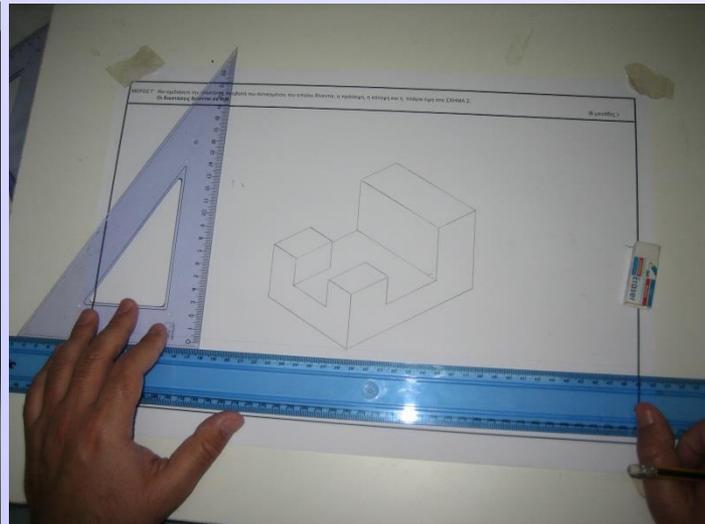


ΑΤΟΜΙΚΟ ΔΕΛΤΙΟ ΜΑΘΗΣΗΣ

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2.				
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Τι μπορώ να προσφέρω:

Τι εκπέδω θα ήθελα από το μάθημα:



4. Να γράψετε τέσσερις λόγια μελέτησης θέματος και του μαθήματος γενικότερα

ΜΕΡΟΣ Γ (Μονάδες: 20 - Κάθε σωστή απάντηση βαθμολογείται με 5 μονάδες)

1. Να συμπληρώσετε (4) ιστορίες τεχνολογίας ή ανακαλύψεις τεχνολογίας

α) Διαδικτυακή Τεχνολογία

β) Τηλεόραση

γ) Χημική Τεχνολογία

δ) Καθαρή Ενέργεια

# COURSES AND TRAINERS EVALUATION

All trainers and education curriculum is evaluated frequently from ministry of education and culture evaluators who are visiting prison School.



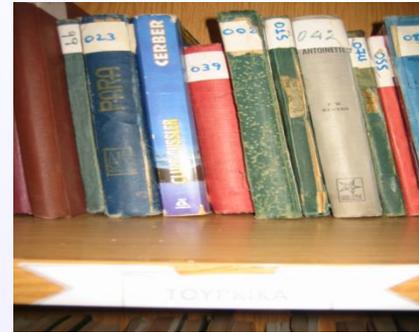
# LIBRARIES

Each Block in Cyprus Prisons Department has a Library. Libraries are stocked with textbooks , audiobooks and audiovisual material and all prisoners can visit the libraries and loan this material.

Libraries are stocked with books for all the languages spoken by Cyprus Prison Department prisoners.

If there is a prisoner in which there are no books in his language, we communicate with his embassy which supplies us with books.

Furthermore Prisoners have the ability to own personal books that their families supply them or to buy books they want and are not stocked to libraries.



# Recreational activities

- *Football Team*
- *Basketball Team*
- *Dance Team*
- *Music Band*
- *Theater Team*





**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION**

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