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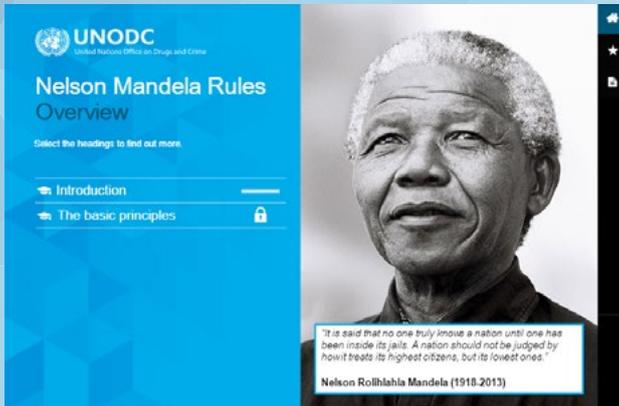


**The Nelson Mandela  
Rules *online***

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# Nelson Mandela Rules!

THE UNITED NATIONS STANDARD MINIMUM RULES  
FOR THE TREATMENT OF PRISONERS



The UNODC interactive

## e-learning course on the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners

will assist you in understanding and applying the Nelson Mandela Rules as the universally acknowledged minimum standards for the management of prisons and the treatment of prisoners.

UNODC Nelson Mandela Rules - Introduction

### Why do decent prison conditions matter?

We spoke to prison practitioners about what the Nelson Mandela Rules for prison conditions and basic services mean to them. Select the arrow to find out more, then the forward arrow to continue.



"I only have very limited influence over the way our service is resourced. What I can do, however, is to treat prisoners as fellow human beings. For me, this is a core element of being a professional prison officer."

Mr. Pinga Zamgo  
Deputy Director, Remand and Correction Centre of Ouagadougou  
Prison Administration, Ministry of Justice, Burkina Faso

UNODC Nelson Mandela Rules - Conflict resolution

### Conflict resolution

While on his rounds, Mr. Ram and a colleague witness a heated argument between two prisoners. What happens? Select play to find out more.



The course consists of an introduction, five substantive modules as well as a final assessment, upon the successful completion of which you will be issued a certificate.

**Each substantive module consists of a theoretical and a practical part, the latter exposing you to concrete prison management scenarios in the form of interactive videos**

Resource sections throughout the course provide references to more in-depth technical guidance material.

UNODC Nelson Mandela Rules - Introduction

### Why does a suitable prison regime matter?

We spoke to prison practitioners about what the Nelson Mandela Rules on establishing a constructive prison regime mean to them. Select the arrow to find out more, then the forward arrow to continue.



"Many prisoners face fundamental and practical questions when approaching release. 'Where will I live?' 'How will I make a living?' 'Will people accept me despite being a former prisoner?' We need to support them in their journey towards social reintegration. Too many come back to prison."

Mr. Arnold Ahil  
Senior Corrections Officer,  
Bremen Prison  
Senate of Justice and Constitution,  
Federal State of Bremen,  
Germany

## Prison visits

Officer Huber and her colleague are processing visitors at the front gate. They notice that a female visitor is reacting in an agitated manner when it is her turn.

Select the play button.



The course has been primarily designed as a practical training tool for prison officers and other officials working in prisons

It will be equally relevant for prison monitoring and inspection bodies and other (non-) governmental entities promoting prison reform in line with international norms and standards.

## Assessments, classification and allocation

The separation of prisoners by sex, age and the legal reason for their detention is relatively straightforward. This said, the risks each prisoner may pose to others or to themselves, as well as the needs he or she may have, still need to be considered. Here's how information is gathered.

Select each image to find out more, then the forward arrow to continue.



Individual assessments



Classification



Allocation

## External inspections

Mr. Cuenca serves as Officer-in-Charge of a prison which has recently experienced violent protests of prisoners. The situation is still volatile when the visit of an external inspection body is announced.

Select play to find out more.



## How to access the e-learning course on the Nelson Mandela Rules

The UNODC e-learning course is available free of charge and can be accessed by computer or tablet via the following link:

<https://golearn.unodc.org/lms/course/view.php?id=436>

or by scanning the QR code on the right.

Before being directed to the course, you will first be asked to register on the UNODC e-learning platform.

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