

# 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](https://fines.vic.gov.au/WDP-Sponsor-Search)

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## More information

-  [fines.vic.gov.au/support/work-and-development-permit](https://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](mailto: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, alcohol or gambling 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:



[fcllc.org.au](http://fcllc.org.au) or [legallaid.vic.gov.au](http://legallaid.vic.gov.au)



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