

Prison Officer

“Is this the career for me?”

You have done your research, read the website, perhaps you have even attended an Information Session, but you are still unsure as to whether working as a Prison Officer is the career for you.

The following statements have been developed to assist you in making this decision, but they are a guide only.

Completing this questionnaire is **completely optional** with the results only being available to you.

	Yes	No
1. Most Prison Officers are required to work shift work inclusive of public holidays, weekends, early and late starts.		
Shift work, across 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, suits my lifestyle and family commitments.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. The Prison Officer training course is crucial in providing new recruits with introductory skills and knowledge necessary for the role. It is the first step in Corrections Victoria's commitment to providing ongoing training for their staff.		
I am available to commit to 7 weeks full time training, Monday to Friday.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Prison environments require structure, routine and are a controlled environment. Prisons have a clear hierarchy of responsibility in place.		
Following procedures and policies is something that I enjoy in the workplace.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Prisons are made up of a number of staff, performing a number of critical business roles. It is essential that all team members work together, cooperate and provide support to one another.		
I am a team player and believe that providing support, sharing information and skills creates an effective working environment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Prison Officers do not judge people on the basis of the crime they may have committed. They act with integrity and treat everyone fairly.		
I treat people with respect regardless of who they are and have high personal integrity.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Prisons Officers need to work with a wide variety of people with diverse backgrounds and experiences.		
I enjoy working with a variety of people. I can adapt my communication and interpersonal skills to suit the person I am working with.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



7. There are times where prisoners present staff with challenging behaviours and situations. Part of a Prison Officer's responsibility is to handle these situations in a professional manner, in line with the Department's policies and procedures.

I enjoy a challenge and believe that I take a consistent and fair approach to handling difficult situations - I am fair but firm.

8. The Prison environment will present situations that require staff to respond quickly and act under pressure. Prison Officers need to be self confident and use the skills learnt in training to handle these situations effectively.

Working under pressure in situations that require me to keep calm, remain diligent and focused is something I am good at.

I react to challenging situations in a confident and self assured manner.

9. Prison Officers work in a team and consistently provide support to one another and act cooperatively.

While I am confident, I know that the assistance of my team mates and supervisors is necessary to create the most effective working environment

Answering yes to 6 or more of these statements is a good indication that you should apply!