

# Regulations and Application Times for Communication Equipment Visits at the Wuling Minimum-Security Prison, Agency of Corrections, Ministry of Justice

1. In response to the amendments made to the Prison Act on July 15, 2020, and considering modern technological advancements and the communication habits of the general public, correctional facilities have installed telephone equipment, remote visitation devices, and other communication equipment. These facilities allow for real-time communication between prisoners and their families, close relatives, lawyers, defense attorneys, or other individuals under specific conditions. The rules for applying for these visits, including the eligible parties, conditions, application procedures, frequency, time, number of visitors, communication methods, reasons for refusal or termination, fees, and other necessary compliance matters, are governed by the "Regulations for Visitation Using Communication Equipment in Prisons and Detention Centers".

## **2. Eligibility and Reasons for Application**

### **(1) Prisoners:**

- 1) Death or life-threatening conditions of family or close relatives.
- 2) No visit or communication with family or close relatives for the past three months.

- 3) Spouse or direct relatives also incarcerated in a correctional facility.
- 4) Requests to meet with diplomatic or consular personnel from the prisoner's country or region, or representatives thereof.
- 5) Humanitarian considerations or management needs recognized by the facility.

(2) Requesting Visitors:

- 1) Family or close relatives.
- 2) Lawyers or defense attorneys.
- 3) Other individuals under the following conditions:
  - (a) Aged 65 or above or under 12.
  - (b) Suspected or diagnosed with communicable diseases as defined by the Communicable Disease Control Act.
  - (c) Diagnosed with severe illnesses exempt from personal expense according to the National Health Insurance regulations.
  - (d) With physical or mental disabilities.
  - (e) Affected by disasters as defined by the Disaster Prevention and Protection Act.
  - (f) Death or life-threatening conditions of the prisoner's family or close relatives.
  - (g) Diplomatic or consular personnel from the prisoner's country or region, or representatives thereof.
  - (h) Other significant or special circumstances recognized by the facility.

### (3) Frequency and Time of Visits

Except for specific circumstances like death or life-threatening conditions of family or close relatives, diplomatic or consular visits, lawyer or defense attorney visits, personal or property disaster impacts, or other recognized necessary situations, prisoners are allowed up to two communication equipment visits per month, with each visit limited to 30 minutes. The facility may adjust the number of visits as necessary.

### (4) Number of Visitors

The facility may adjust the number of simultaneous visitors based on the communication method or space limitations.

### (5) Application Procedure and Method

1) Applicants must submit relevant documents within the specified period to the prisoner's facility (application forms can be obtained from the facility).

2) Specified Periods:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Specified Periods</b>
Prisoner	Death or life-threatening conditions of family or close relatives	Within one month of death or within seven days of life-threatening conditions.
	No visit or communication with family or close relatives for three months	Seven to two days before the requested visit.
	Spouse or direct relatives incarcerated	Seven to two days before the requested visit.
	Diplomatic or consular personnel visits	Seven to two days before the requested visit.

	Humanitarian or management needs	Per actual need.
Requesting Visitors	Family or close relatives	Seven to two days before the requested visit.
	Lawyers or defense attorneys	Seven to two days before the requested visit.
	Other individuals beyond the above two items and under the conditions listed in the right columns	Aged 65 or above or under 12.
		Suspected or diagnosed with communicable diseases as defined by the Communicable Disease Control Act.
		Diagnosed with severe illnesses exempt from personal expense according to the National Health Insurance regulations.
		With physical or mental disabilities.
		Affected by disasters as defined by the Disaster Prevention and Protection Act.
		Death or life-threatening conditions of the prisoner's family or close relatives.

		Diplomatic or consular personnel from the prisoner's country or region, or representatives thereof.	Seven to two days before the requested visit.
		Other significant or special circumstances recognized by the facility.	Per actual need.

### 3) Required Documents:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Required Documents</b>
Prisoner	Death or life-threatening conditions of family or close relatives	Death or life-threatening conditions of family or close relatives: proof of death within one month or critical illness within seven days.
	No visit or communication with family or close relatives for three months	Proof of relationship with the visitor.
	Spouse or direct relatives incarcerated	Proof of relationship with the visitor.
	Diplomatic or consular personnel visits	Proof of relationship with the visitor (if it cannot be provided, the agency may determine it based on the investigation information).
	Humanitarian or management needs	Documents as notified by the facility.

Requesting Visitors	Family or close relatives		Identity proof and proof of relationship with the visitor.
	Lawyers or defense attorneys		Identity proof and documents proving the representation or consultation matter.
	Other individuals beyond the above two items and under the conditions listed in the right columns	Aged 65 or above or under 12.	Identity proof.
		Suspected or diagnosed with communicable diseases as defined by the Communicable Disease Control Act.	Identity proof and documents related to suspected or contracted infectious diseases.
		Diagnosed with severe injuries or illnesses exempt from personal expense according to the National Health Insurance regulations.	Identity proof and documents related to severe injuries or illnesses
		With physical or mental disabilities.	Identity proof and documents related to disabilities
		Affected by disasters as defined by the Disaster Prevention and Protection Act.	Identity proof and documents sufficient to prove disaster damage
		Death or life-threatening conditions of the prisoner's family or	Documents proving that a family member or close relative died within the last month, or was

		close relatives.	critically ill within the last 7 days.
		Diplomatic or consular personnel from the prisoner's country or region, or representatives thereof.	Identity proof and other related ones.
		Other significant or special circumstances recognized by the facility.	Documents as notified by the facility.

#### 4) Review and Notification:

The facility reviews the application and notifies the prisoner and visitor of the designated time and communication method for the visit. Applicants can inquire by phone one day before the requested visit.

#### 5) Remote Visits:

If permitted to use remote equipment, visitors must bring identity proof to the designated facility for the remote visit.

#### 6) Cancellation and Refusal:

If unable to complete the visit, applicants should contact the facility to cancel. If an applicant fails to comply with the designated time and method for three times within six months, the facility may refuse applications for three months from the last missed visit.

(6) The facility may refuse visitation applications under the following circumstances:

- 1) Prisoner refuses the visit.
- 2) Failure to comply with communication equipment visit regulations.
- 3) Failure to comply with designated time and method for three times within six months; the facility can refuse the visitation applications within three month since the time of latest failure of compliance.
- 4) Visitors prohibited from visiting under criminal procedure law by court or prosecutor.
- 5) As permitted by the Prison Act, Detention Act, or other laws.

(7) The facility may terminate visits under the following conditions:

- 1) Unauthorized visitors.
- 2) Use of non-designated communication equipment, or unauthorized recording or use of other audio-visual equipment.
- 3) Misbehavior, causing disturbances, or damaging the visitation area or equipment.
- 4) Obstruction or refusal to comply with facility surveillance or monitoring.
- 5) Actions that endanger the facility's security or order.