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| ***Prisoners sentenced to imprisonment*** | **1883 Scheme** | **1897 Scheme** |
| **Rules on attendance:** | Sentenced to at least 4 months’ imprisonment | Sentenced to at least 3 months imprisonment  (youthful offenders – aged 16-21 – with sentences of less than 3 months can be included if reason to believe good results will follow) |
|  | Has completed first stage of imprisonment | Has completed first stage of imprisonment |
|  | Cannot pass Standard III of 1880 Educational Code | Cannot pass Standard III of 1896 Educational Code |
|  | Aged under 40 (chaplain has discretion to include those aged over 40) | Aged under 40 (no discretion to include prisoners above this age) |
|  | Chaplain has discretion to exclude those with previous convictions, with no capacity for learning | Chaplain has discretion to exclude those with previous convictions, with no capacity for learning |
|  | Temporary exclusion for those who are idle | Permanent exclusion for those who are idle |
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| **Limit of instruction:** | Standard III of 1880 Educational Code | Standard III of 1896 Educational Code |
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| **Mode of delivery:** | Cellular instruction 15 minutes twice a week | Cellular instruction 20 minutes twice a week |
|  | Class instruction for prisoners unable to read 30 minutes twice a week | Class instruction for prisoners unable to read **may be given** [no time specified] |
|  | Instruction given between 8am and 6pm. Time should not be extracted from hours of labour. | Instruction will take place during hours of labour, but a minimum of 6 hours labour must be performed each day. |
|  |  | Prisoners eligible for instruction placed in contiguous cells |
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| **Juveniles (prisoners aged under 16):** | One hour instruction in class every day | One hour instruction in class every day |
|  |  | First-time offenders kept separate from other juvenile prisoners |
|  |  | Separate (i.e. cellular) instruction for juveniles who, in the opinion of the governor and chaplain, should not associate with others |
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| ***Convicts serving their first stage of penal servitude*** | Pre-1895 Standing Orders | 1897 Scheme |
| **Rules on attendance:** | For ‘uneducated’ convicts. Precise definition left to chaplains, but often interpreted as those unable to pass Standard III or Standard IV of the 1862 Educational Code. | Convicts unable to pass Standard III of the 1896 Educational Code |
|  | Discretion to exclude those aged over 40 (rarely used) | Exclude prisoners over the age of 40 |
|  | Discretion to exclude those with no capacity for learning | Exclude those with no capacity for learning |
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| **Limit of instruction:** | At discretion of prison chaplains. Theoretically, convicts could be educated up to Standard VI of the 1862 Educational Code. Most passed out of the school on achieving Standard III or IV in all three elements: reading, writing and arithmetic. | Standard III of 1896 Educational Code |
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| **Mode of delivery:** | Cellular instruction | Cellular instruction |
|  | Times varied between prisons. At Pentonville, convicts spent 1 hour at school each week, during which they received 10-15 minutes instruction. At Millbank, the men and women received 15 minutes instruction twice a week. | One hour was put aside for school each day (Monday to Friday), during which prisoners were to receive 15 to 20 minutes instruction. |
|  |  | Convicts eligible for instruction placed in cells next to each other. |