

## WDPs allow eligible people to 'work off' their fine debt

### What's a WDP?

Under the Work and Development Permit (WDP) Scheme, eligible people engage with a sponsor that will monitor the time spent engaged in an activity to clear their fine debt.

Sponsors can be health practitioners (doctor, nurse or psychologist) or organisations (government agency, not-for-profit organisation, general practice or for-profit organisation).

### Am I eligible for a WDP?

You may be eligible for a WDP if you are affected by:

- Acute financial hardship;
- Family violence;
- Homelessness;
- Mental illness;
- Intellectual disability; or
- Addiction (drug, alcohol, gambling or volatile substances).

### What activities do I do under a WDP?

If you engage in a treatment given by a health practitioner or drug and alcohol counselling, you can work off \$1,063.85 per month of your fine debt.

If you engage in unpaid work, a course, counselling (incl. financial) or a mentor program (under 25 years) you can work off \$48.36 per hour of your fine debt.

## How the WDP works...

### 1. Obtain advice on fine options



Make an appointment with a community legal centre (CLC), Legal Aid or financial counsellor to discuss your fine options, including if a WDP is right for you.

### 2. Find a sponsor



You can contact your local CLC or the Fines Victoria WDP Team and they might be able to help you find a sponsor. Alternatively, you can ask any providers in your area if they are willing to become accredited.

## Step 1

## Step 3

## Step 2

## Step 4

### 3. Agree on your activities



After your sponsor determines your eligibility for a WDP, you and your sponsor decide what activities you will do. Your sponsor will apply for a WDP on your behalf. Once your WDP is open, you can start working off your fine debt.

### 4. Complete your activities



Complete the activities you've agreed to do. Your WDP sponsor will report the hours/days you've 'worked off' to the Fines Vic WDP Team each month which will reduce your fine debt.