

8-4-2020 (email)

Dear Mrs. Annet Bakker,

Referring to Your letter of 5 April 2020, the Latvian Prison Administration would like to thank you for your support during the emergency situation that has been announced due to the spread of COVID-19 worldwide.

We highly appreciate the opportunity to get introduced with the materials of colleagues about the organization of education process in prisons during the coronavirus pandemic.

At the moment, the training of prisoners in general educational programmes is implemented distantly (similarly, the training is organized for every Latvian resident who gets the education in liberty). With the acceptance of the Ministry of Education and Science of Latvia, educational institutions, that carry out the professional educational programmes in prisons, have stopped the implementation of professional education programmes, as it was planned that at this time the students do the qualification practice and it is not possible to organize and implement this activity distantly.

Taking into consideration our previous successful collaboration with the educational institutions, we will renew the full-time studies as soon as possible, right after the cancellation of restrictions of the emergency situation.

Wishing you the health, endurance and success,

Ilona Spure

Head of the Latvian Prison Administration, General