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1. PURPOSE

Defines how BuCor through the Administrative Division and its attached Offices manages internal and external communications. It directs the receipt, routing and preparation of communications to appropriate action officers.

2. SCOPE

This procedure covers the internal and external communications in written form received by the Administrative Division as the Receiving Arm of BuCor,

3. DEFINITION OF TERMS & ACRONYMS

BuCor		 Refers to the Bureau of Corrections 		
Commo	•	Refers to communication		
Internal	•	Communications coming within the BuCor		
Communication		offices		
External	•	Communications coming from outside		
Communication		sources such as relevant interested parties		
Communication		and other institutions.		

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

Administrative Division	 Office responsible in receiving all official documents for BuCor
Administrative Officer	 Responsible in the management of Administrative Division
Concerned Office	Office responsible for the preparation of actions to be taken.
Administrative Staff	 Responsible in the receipt, recording, routing and preparation of internal and external communications.



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5. PROCEDURE DETAILS

5.1. Internal and Communication Procedure

Activity	Person Responsible	Details/Functions	References
Receives Communication	• Receiving Officer	 Receives official communication from internal and external entities Records all incoming communication and refer to Assistant Chief for evaluation 	Logbook
Evaluation/ Distribution of received communication	• Assistant Chief	 Evaluates received commo and assess to whom the commo will be forwarded for appropriate action Distribute the commo to clerk-in-charge for preparation of referral to concerned offices or reply to requesting party. 	
Prepares commo addressed to appropriate action offices	• Clerk-in- Charge	Prepare referral commo addressed to the concerned office for appropriate action	
Evaluation/ Amendment	• Assistant Chief	Make necessary amendments for any corrections	
Approve/sign commo	• Chief, Administrative Officer	 Revise if necessary, returns to Assistant Chief Approves the referral commo/reply. 	



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Activity	Person Responsible	Details/Functions	References
Dispatch to concerned office END	• Dispatching Officer	• Record and distribute the referral commo/reply to the concerned office for appropriate action.	Logbook



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5.2. Preparation of Special Order, Travel Order and other related documents

Activity	Person Responsible	Details/Functions	References
Receiving of Communication	Receiving Officer	 Receives request for preparation of Special Order, Travel Order, Memorandum, etc. Forwards to Admin Officer for initial evaluation 	Logbook
Initial evaluation and Approval of communication	• Admin Officer	• If found in order after initial evaluation, forward to designated Admin Staff for the preparation of communications e.g. Special Order, Travel Order, Memorandum, etc. If found not in order, back to step 1.	
Preparation of commo	• Admin Staff	 Prepare and forward to Admin. Officer for initial evaluation of the prepared communication 	
Evaluation	• Admin Officer	 Evaluates the prepared communication If found in order, countersigns the commo, forward to the Chief Admin. Div. for final evaluation. If not found in order, back to step 3. 	
Final Evaluation A	• Chief Admin	• Chief Admin Conducts final evaluation	



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Activity	Person Responsible	Details/Functions	References
Approved and Countersigned	• Chief Admin	• If found in order, the Chief Admin Div. approves and countersigns the commo. If not found in order, back to step 4.	
Forwards to concerned Office END	• Admin Staff	 Forward to concerned Office for complete staff work. Disseminate the commo to concerned offices 	



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5.3. Handling of received letters by hand carry

Activity	Person Responsible	Details/Functions	References
Receiving of Communication	• Receiving Officer Admin	 Receive letters by mail Opens, staples and stamps date and time and signature of the receiving officer 	RA 6713 RA 9485
Initial Evaluation	• Admin Staff	 Checks the validity of the documents (dry seal, signatures, etc.). Found in order, forward to Admin Officer for classification and screening. If found not in order, returns the documents to the concerned individual and informs him of the validity of the documents. 	
Giving Instructions for needed action	• Admin Officer	Forwards and instruct the designated Admin Staff for action needed	
Preparation of Commo	• Admin Staff	 Prepares routing slip, indorsement or any form of letter reply to which is necessary Forwards to Admin Officer for any correction 	
Review and Evaluation	• Admin Officer	Countersigns the prepared commo and forward the same to the Chief for review	



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Activity	Person Responsible	Details/Functions	References
Signs Commo	• Chief Admin	• If found in order, the Chief Admin approves and signed the routing slips, indorsements, letter reply and forwards to designated Admin Staff for proper dissemination. If found not in order, back to Step 4	
Dispatches Commo END	• Admin Staff	Dispatches to concerned offices and individual	



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5.4. Handling of Disbursement Voucher, OB slip, Application for Leave, Requisition and Issue Slip and other related documents

Activity	Person Responsible	Details/Functions	References
Receiving of Documents	• Admin Staff	 Receive documents from concerned individuals Stamps received date, time and affixes signature Forwards to Admin Officer for review 	
Initial Evaluation	• Admin Officer	 Evaluates documents, If found in order, documents shall be forwarded to the Chief Admin for signature If not, the documents shall be sent back to the concerned individual through the Admin staff for modification 	
Signs Documents	• Chief Admin	 Signs documents and forwards to designated Admin Staff for proper dissemination 	
Dispatches Documents END	• Admin Staff	Dispatches documents to concerned offices/ individual	



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5.5. Handling of Request for Certificate of Appearance

Activity	Person Responsible	Details/Functions	References
Receiving of Documents	• Admin Staff	 Receives travel order Instructs requesting employee to accomplish the designated logbook Informs the requesting employee to pick up clearance on the date of duration of the travel 	Logbook
Preparation of Certificate	• Admin Staff	Prepares Certificate of Appearance and forwards to Admin Officers for review	
Review and Countersign	• Admin Officer	• Reviews and countersigns the documents and forwards to the Chief Admin. If found documents not in order, back to step No. 2	
Approving and Signing	• Chief Admin	• Signs Certificate of Appearance and forwards to the designated Admin Staff for proper dissemination.	
Releasing of Certificate of END	• Admin Staff	• Release Certificate of Appearance on the date of duration of the travel order	



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6. GUIDELINES IN THE HANDLING OF INCOMING INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL COMMUNCATIONS

1.1 Receiving and Recording

- 1.1.1 Use of Logbooks
- 1.1.2 Stamps date and time of received
- 1.1.3 All communications coming from internal and external offices by personal delivery, mail, courier shall be received through the Administrative Division. e.g. letters, entry of judgment, order of release, court decisions.
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- 1.1.5 All letters shall be recorded in a logbook for monitoring purposes.
- 1.1.6 If found not in order, return the documents and inform the concerned individual, courts. Offices regarding the validity of the documents.
- 1.1.7 Requires photocopy of ID of the concerned individual for reference (for hand carried court documents only).
- 1.1.8 All sealed envelope, communications marked "CONFINDENTIAL, bearing the complete name of Head of Agency shall be forwarded to the concerned unopened.

1.2 Evaluation, Reviewing and Checking

- 1.2.1 All communications shall be reviewed by the Assistant Chief to assess whether there is a need for preparation of referral commo to concerned offices that requires appropriate action or direct response to party concerned.
- 1.2.2 Ensure that all commo had undergone assessment prior to its distribution.

1.3 Preparation/Approval of referral/response communications

1.3.1 Admin Staff shall prepare the appropriate referral/response based on the assessment using the existing format used by BuCor such as Routing Slip, Disposition Form, Memorandum, Special Order, Indorsement, letter reply and other applicable format.



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1.3.2 Administrative Officer shall review and approve the prepare communications and signs on the designated portion once approved.

1.4 Dispatching and Distribution of Communications

- 1.4.1 All communications for dispatch shall be recorded in a logbook.
- 1.4.2 Ensures that communication are properly received by the concerned offices by affixing their signature on the designated logbook.

1.5 Receives and prepares necessary action on the communications

- 1.5.1. Concerned office who received the referral communications actions are taken in accordance with RA 6173.
- 1.5.2. Maintains a logbook or any form of media to easily monitor/verify the actions taken on the received communications.
- 1.5.3. For corresponding reply, the same shall be acted upon in accordance with RA 6173.