

“Increased custody” means assignment of an inmate to a custody level that requires more supervision.

“Initial classification” means the process by which an inmate is reviewed and/or evaluated upon admission to the Department of Corrections in order to determine the initial custody level, correctional facility, program and job assignment.

“Initial Instrument” means an objective classification scoring instrument that is weighted to evaluate an inmate’s prior criminal history and selected stability factors to determine the inmate’s initial custody level, correctional facility, program and job assignment.

“Intensive Supervision Program” means the program which permits certain offenders sentenced to State correctional institutions to be sentenced by a Resentencing Panel of judges to an intermediate form of punishment between incarceration and probation.

“Jones Farm” means a community based satellite unit of the Central Reception and Assignment Facility (CRAF), which houses inmates in full minimum custody status who meet the criteria for assignment to that facility.

“No Early Release Act (NERA),” N.J.S.A. 2C:43-7.2, means the Act that requires that persons who are sentenced to prison terms for committing certain enumerated crimes of the first and second degree be required to serve at least 85 percent of the term of incarceration imposed by the court before being eligible for parole.

“Objective classification” means the standardized evaluation and custody assignment score of an inmate based on the following criteria:

1. Severity of current offense;
2. Prior assaultive offense history;
3. Escape history;
4. History of correctional facility violence;
5. Balance of term to be served to expiration of sentence (initial only);
6. Alcohol/drug abuse (initial only);
7. Current detainer/open charges;
8. Prior felony convictions (initial only);
9. Education (initial only);
10. Employment (initial only);
11. Age;
12. Number of disciplinary reports (reclassification only);

13. Most severe disciplinary infraction received (reclassification only);

14. Program participation (reclassification only);

15. Balance on parole eligibility date (reclassification only); and

16. System overrides.

“Open charge” means an offense for which an inmate has been arrested but that lacks a final disposition and which is not represented by a detainer.

“Override Code Reference Index” means a list of justification codes used to document when an inmate is assigned to a custody status other than the recommended custody status indicated by the custody level score on an objective classification scoring instrument.

“Reclassification” means the process by which an inmate is reviewed and/or evaluated subsequent to initial classification to determine future custody level, correctional facility, program and job assignment.

“Reclassification Instrument” means an objective classification scoring instrument that is weighted to evaluate an inmate’s correctional facility adjustment subsequent to initial classification to determine custody level, correctional facility, program and job assignment.

“Reduced custody” means assignment of an inmate to a custody level that requires less supervision.

“Security level” means the numerical rating which represents the physical attributes of a correctional facility or housing unit in primarily objective terms related to perimeter security, operating procedures, and internal housing configurations to identify the highest custody level of inmates allowed.

“Severity of Offense Scale” means a fixed progressive reference system consisting of criminal offenses and point values designated for use with the Initial and Reclassification Instruments that are grouped according to the severity and degree of the crime and used to rate criminal offense related criteria.

“Severity of Offense—Disciplinary Infractions Scale” means a fixed progressive reference system consisting of prohibited acts and point values grouped according to the severity of the infraction to rate the disciplinary history of an inmate on the reclassification instrument.

Amended by R.1988 d.332, effective July 18, 1988.
See: 20 N.J.R. 879(b), 20 N.J.R. 1716(a).

Added “Intensive Supervision Program”.
Administrative correction, effective January 27, 1989.
See: 21 N.J.R. 558(a).

Institutional name change.
Amended by R.1989 d.299, effective June 5, 1989.
See: 21 N.J.R. 664(a), 21 N.J.R. 1516(c).

Definition of “Gap time credit” added.

Amended by R.1997 d.122, effective March 17, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 80(b), 29 N.J.R. 880(a).

Added "Custody status" and "Objective classification"; deleted "Commissioner", "Division of Adult Institutions", "Division of Juvenile Services", "Indeterminate sentence", "Prison complex", "Prison sentence", "Superintendent", "Vroom Readjustment Unit", and "Youth Complex".

Amended by R.2001 d.425, effective November 19, 2001.

See: 33 N.J.R. 2390(a), 33 N.J.R. 3947(a).

In the introductory paragraph, inserted " , when used in this chapter," preceding "shall have" and substituted "indicates" for "indicts" preceding "otherwise"; added "Assaultive offense", "Assessment scale", "Custody level", "Initial classification", "Initial Instrument", "Open charge", "Override Code Reference Index", "Reclassification", "Reclassification Instrument", "Security level", "Severity of Offense Scale" and "Severity of Offense—Disciplinary Infractions Scale".

Amended by R.2002 d.190, effective June 17, 2002.

See: 34 N.J.R. 1082(a), 34 N.J.R. 2030(a).

In "A.D.T.C." and "Classification Committee", substituted "inmates" for "persons" and amended the N.J.S.A. references in "A.D.T.C."; in "Classification material" inserted "but not limited to," preceding "psychological" and substituted "reports" for "records, etc."; in "Jones Farm" substituted "Central Reception and Assignment Facility (CRAF)" for "New Jersey State Prison".

Amended by R.2003 d.235, effective June 16, 2003.

See: 35 N.J.R. 1185(a), 35 N.J.R. 2647(a).

Added "No Early Release Act (NERA)".

Amended by R.2006 d.151, effective May 1, 2006.

See: 38 N.J.R. 96(a), 38 N.J.R. 1836(a).

Deleted the definitions for "A.D.T.C.", "Custody status" and "Detainer"; in the definition of "Objective classification", in 4, substituted "correctional facility" for "institutional", in 14, deleted "and", in 15, substituted " ; and" for a period, and added 16.

10A:9-1.4 Forms

(a) The following form related to classification shall be reproduced by each correctional facility from the original which is available by contacting the Administrative Rules Unit, New Jersey Department of Corrections.

1. 852-I Authorization for Emergency Transfer.

(b) The following forms related to the classification of inmates shall be reproduced by each correctional facility from the originals which are available by contacting the Office of Classification Monitoring and Support Services (O.C.M.S.S.), Division of Operations.

1. CRAF-001 Appeal Request for ICC/CRAF Assignment;
2. CRAF-002 Changes in Sentencing/Record Referral to ICC;
3. CRAF-003 Agreement of Transfer;
4. CRAF—003-D Special Needs Agreement of Transfer;
5. CRAF-006 Objective Classification Process—Initial Instrument; and

6. CRAF-007 Objective Classification Process—Reclassification Instrument.

Amended by R.1997 d.122, effective March 17, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 80(b), 29 N.J.R. 880(a).

Added (b).

Amended by R.2001 d.425, effective November 19, 2001.

See: 33 N.J.R. 2390(a), 33 N.J.R. 3947(a).

Rewrote (b).

Amended by R.2002 d.190, effective June 17, 2002.

See: 34 N.J.R. 1082(a), 34 N.J.R. 2030(a).

In (b), added new 4, recodified existing 4 and 5 as 5 and 6.

Administrative change.

See: 35 N.J.R. 1137(a).

SUBCHAPTER 2. OBJECTIVE CLASSIFICATION PROCESS

10A:9-2.1 Initial classification

(a) Male offenders are admitted to the Central Reception and Assignment Facility (CRAF) or the Adult Diagnostic and Treatment Center (A.D.T.C.) and female offenders are admitted to the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility for Women (EMCF) where inmates begin the initial classification process.

(b) Upon admission to the reception unit, assignment to housing shall be made based upon the inmate's:

1. Age;
2. Size;
3. Offense;
4. Sentence;
5. Previous incarcerations;
6. Mental status; or

(c) The initial classification process shall be completed within three weeks, unless unusual circumstances arise.

(d) During the initial classification process, the inmate shall be:

1. Photographed;
2. Fingerprinted;
3. Given orientation;
4. Given medical and dental examinations;
5. Interviewed by the psychologist, social worker and other staff members;
6. Given educational testing; and