SUMMARY of REVISION/REVIEW


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PURPOSE

The Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NDCS) inmate classification system is a process of assessment, placement and management of individuals committed to the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. All classification decisions are made without regard to an inmates’ race, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or political views. This policy provides for the organization and function of the classification system and identifies the process for determining custody assignment. (ACRS-6A-12)

GENERAL

The objectives of the classification system are to help identify the least restrictive environment for each individual, facilitate the timely movement of individuals to the least restrictive environment, identify individual needs and recommend programming to meet those needs, and to ensure the most difficult classification decisions are made at the highest level of authority necessary. (ACI-2B-02, ACRS-2A-08, ACRS-5A-01)

Classification of individuals into appropriate custody levels ensures they are assigned to NDCS facilities equipped to provide appropriate security. Classification enhances the safety of the public, NDCS team members, and incarcerated individuals by providing the appropriate level of control and management within the least restrictive custody level possible. (ACI-5B-02)

Each institution, consistent with its functions and the nature of its inmate population and programs, shall develop its own Procedure within the limits and guidelines that follow.

DEFINITIONS

I. **DE FACTO LIFE** – A person’s age plus his/her PED (TRD if no PED) is equal to or greater than 85.

II. **INSTITUTIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT (IRA)** – A validated, actuarial instrument that identifies a person’s likelihood to commit a certain category of rule infractions during their incarceration. (Rules are defined in the Nebraska Administrative Code Title 68, Chapter 5 and categorized for risk purposes as violent, serious, non-serious, or low.)

III. **LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE (LWOP)** – Court-ordered sentence with a minimum term of LIFE and a maximum term of LIFE. Sentence does not provide for parole eligibility. This sentence is often referred to as a “life” sentence.

IV. **PAROLE ELIGIBILITY DATE (PED)** – The date at which a person is eligible for parole accounting for sentence length, application of mandatory minimum terms and the appropriate good time law. Generally, this is half of the minimum term.

V. **SCORED RISK** – The automated score provided upon completion of the IRA. (violent, serious, non-serious, and low)

VI. **TENTATIVE RELEASE DATE (TRD)** – The date at which a person will be discharged from prison accounting for sentence length, application of any mandatory minimum terms and the appropriate good time law. Generally, this is half of the maximum term.
PROCEDURE

I. ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION AND REVIEW

The NDCS Classification Administrator is responsible for the following functions.

A. Formulation of Policies which include:
   1. Custody designation
   2. Central monitoring
   3. Risk/Needs/Responsivity
   4. Case plan
   5. Institutional transfers

B. Evaluation and Monitoring of the Inmate Classification System

Utilizing the Nebraska Inmate Case Management System (NICaMS), the classification administrator will generate monthly reports that include any changes or enhancements made to the classification system or specific procedures. In addition, the report will include, but not be limited to, tracking data listed below. The monthly report will be provided to the deputy director - Programs and facility wardens. (ACI-5B-01)

   1. Timely completion of custody reviews
   2. Use of and reasons for custody assignment overrides
   3. Frequency of custody demotions
   4. Length of time at community A and/or B custody levels prior to release
   5. Length of time between custody assignment and transfer, if applicable
   6. Percentage of decisions made at each level of authority

C. Coordination of All Classification Actions Reviewed By the Deputy Director.

D. Central Transfer Authority

Serve as the Central Transfer Authority, ensuring transfers are conducted in accordance with the decisions made by the appropriate classification authority.

E. Specialized Training

Development and oversight of the delivery of specialized training related to all aspects of classification.
II. CLASSIFICATION AUTHORITIES

Classification authorities are organized into four separate decision-making levels. The relative authority and review responsibility of each level will correspond with their specific level of organizational command.

A. Unit Classification Committee (UCC)

The unit manager, or in facilities where there are no unit managers the unit case manager, shall serve as chairperson of the UCC, which is comprised of representatives from unit management and others as designated by the warden. The UCC will initiate all classification and reclassification actions, conduct the classification hearing, which includes inmate participation, and make specific recommendations.

B. Institutional Classification Committee (ICC)

The ICC for secure facilities is chaired by the facility’s unit administrator (or assistant warden if no unit administrator). The facility warden will identify at least one representative from custody, unit management, behavioral health, intel and additional representatives from those areas or other areas to comprise the ICC.

The ICC for community custody facilities is chaired by the unit administrator (or assistant warden if no unit administrator) and is comprised of representatives identified by the warden representing custody and unit management; behavioral health and intel representation may be requested as needed. (ACI-5B-03)

The ICC shall meet weekly to review and discuss each classification action. The ICC must review all classification actions referred to the Warden (see section II. B.) and is the classification authority for the following decisions:

1. All custody classification actions and reclassification actions that do not require an override or result in transfer to another institution (promotion to community B custody must be approved by the warden).

2. All classification actions involving on-unit work assignments and/or reassignments.

C. Warden

The facility warden will review all classification actions requiring deputy director-level review (see Section II. A.). The warden is the classification authority for the following decisions:

1. All initial classification actions, excluding minimum B and community A; and reclassifications resulting from a parole violation or return to a secure facility excluding Minimum B and Community A.

2. All custody reclassification actions in which an override is used, and which do not result in transfer to another institution.

3. All custody classification actions for assignment to, continuation on or removal from protective custody, which do not result in a transfer to another institution.
4. All custody classification actions promoting from community A to community B custody.

5. All good time restoration requests, consistent with Policy 117.02, Restoration of Good Time.

6. All off-unit work assignments and/or reassignments. (see III.A.6.c below)

7. All appeals of classification decisions made by the Institutional Classification Committee. The appeal decision must be within the warden’s authority to approve. If the recommendation from the warden is to a custody level requiring deputy director approval, the appeal must be forwarded to the deputy director for review and approval/denial.

8. Custody reclassification actions which will promote/demote more than one custody level. (Does not apply to initial classification.)

D. Deputy Director

The deputy director is the highest classification authority within NDCS. The Deputy Director - Programs is primarily responsible for this function and shall collaborate with the Deputy Director - Prisons and the agency intelligence administrator in making classification decisions. Appeals of these decisions are determined by the director/designee. The deputy director is the classification authority for the decisions listed below. The Board of Parole must also approve all inmates for assignment to community A custody (Attachment A): (ACRS-5A-06)

1. All custody classification actions and reclassification actions to minimum B or community A custody.

2. Custody reclassification actions requiring transfer to another institution.

3. Appeals related to classification actions approved by the warden or as assigned by the director/designee.

III. GENERAL CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURES

A. Classification Requirements

The following procedures are required in all classification actions.

1. Notice: All inmates shall be provided written notice of their classification hearing at least 48 hours prior to the hearing. Notice will be documented on the 48-Hour Notice-Custody Classification Hearing/Waiver or the Notice/Waiver of Classification Hearing. An inmate may waive in writing the 48-hour notice of the hearing. If the inmate refuses to sign the Notice of Hearing, such refusal shall be documented by appropriate staff. (ACI-5B-08)

2. Participation: All inmates shall be permitted the opportunity to attend their classification hearings. An inmate may waive his/her presence, in writing. If the inmate refuses to appear, such refusal shall be documented by appropriate staff and the hearing held in absentia. In cases where attendance is not permitted due
to security and/or other substantial reasons, such shall be documented and approved by the warden.

3. **Disposition:** Written notice will be provided to inmates upon completion of the classification process. The notice will indicate the final disposition of the classification action.

4. **Appeals:** All classification decisions may be appealed to the next higher authority. Appeals of deputy director classification decisions will be made to the director/designee. Facility assignments are not a classification action and may not be appealed.
   
   a. Within 15 calendar days after receipt of a classification decision, an inmate may file an appeal by giving his/her unit staff a written notice of appeal (Attachment B).
   
   b. The notice of appeal shall identify the decision being appealed, the date of the decision, the date on which the inmate received a copy of the decision and the reasons why the inmate contends the decision was incorrect.
   
   c. Within 10 working days after receiving the written notice of appeal, the case manager shall send the notice of appeal and a copy of the complete record of the classification proceeding being appealed to the appropriate classification authority.
   
   d. There shall only be one appeal permitted for each classification decision.
   
   e. If an inmate appeals a classification decision, the classification decision will be in effect while the appeal is pending.

5. **Custody Classification Actions:** The custody classification process begins with completion of the Institutional Risk Assessment (IRA) in NICaMS and subsequent completion of the custody level criteria. This information is documented on the Initial Classification Form – Male and Female or the Reclassification Form – Male and Female. Instructions for completing the IRA, factored custody level and other classification documents will be available in the NDCS Case Management Manual. (ACRS-2A-07)

   Custody classification reviews shall be completed according to the following schedule. (ACI-5B-02)

   a. Inmates shall have a custody classification review at least every 12 months (calculated from the final approved custody date of the previous classification action). (ACI-5B-06)
   
   b. Inmates who are scheduled for a parole hearing or within three years of his/her tentative release date shall have a custody classification review at least every six months calculated from the final approved custody date of the previous classification action. (Once classified to community B custody, no further custody classification will be necessary while on this custody level)
c. Unit staff may initiate a custody classification action outside of the regular schedule when a significant event occurs which may impact the inmate’s custody rating. A significant event is defined as: resolution of a detainer, being found guilty of a violent misconduct report, being set for a parole hearing, and/or completing programming. The decision to reclassify should be based on the likelihood of the person promoting/demoting in custody, a review of recent conduct and other outstanding treatment/program recommendations. Where appropriate, spending a minimum of six months at a custody level prior to promotion is preferred.

d. Inmates may request a review of their progress and program status when they believe circumstances have changed which may impact the custody rating. Staff will review the request and determine whether to initiate the classification review, considering the following: (ACI-5B-09)

1) Program completion

2) Change in sentence structure

3) Good time restoration, which makes them eligible for a different custody

4) Misconduct appeal

5) Scheduled parole board hearing

6) Any other related factors

e. Additional custody classification reviews may be conducted at the discretion of the classification administrator, warden, deputy director and/or the director/designee. When completing the review, consideration shall be given to completion or refusal of clinical programming, significant behavior changes, assignment to LTRH, etc.

6. Non-custody Classification Actions: Classification actions for non-custody reviews are detailed below, with corresponding requirements.

a. Protective Custody (PC): Inmates who are being considered for assignment to, continuation of, or removal from protective custody, shall have a custody classification review completed at the time of referral.

The facility warden shall make a referral to the Central Office intelligence administrator when an individual requests or when staff initiate assignment to protective custody. The intelligence administrator will assign a staff member to conduct a thorough PC investigation (PCI) and provide it to the warden for review and approval or denial of PC.

The PCI, with confidential information redacted, must be included with the custody classification action. The classification authority shall review all relevant information and approve or deny the request for protective custody.
A person’s PC status will be reviewed in conjunction with the regular custody classification schedule. Unit staff shall review the person’s behavior while on PC, and central monitoring and consult with the facility intelligence staff. Unit staff will make notation in the comments of any changes or that no change occurred. The classification authority shall determine if PC remains appropriate.

b. Longer-Term Restrictive Housing (LTRH): Inmates assigned to LTRH, excluding those assigned solely for the purpose of protective custody, will be reclassified to maximum custody within 30 days of assignment.

c. Work/education: The warden/designee must approve all off-unit job assignments/reassignments in secure facilities. Inmates who have an escape/attempted escape from a secure facility within the last 10 years are prohibited from being classified to off-unit work assignments with exception of education and food service positions that do not require work outside of the confines of the kitchen/dining hall areas (i.e. not allowed to push food carts outside of the kitchen, take trash to dumpsters, work on the loading dock, etc.).

Inmates who have a history of assaultive behavior within the last three years are prohibited from being classified to off-unit work assignments with exception to education and food service positions as described above. Assaultive behavior is defined as any class I misconduct report for Assault, Murder/Manslaughter, Sexual Assault or Mutinous Actions or Part 1 offense conviction(s) (1st Degree Murder, 2nd Degree Murder, Manslaughter, 1st Degree Assault, 1st Degree Sexual Assault, 1st Degree Sexual Assault of a Child, Robbery). This policy does not apply to inmates housed at a community corrections center or the Work Ethic Camp. Exceptions to these limitations must be made in writing to the respective facility’s deputy director. The request must list specific justification for the exception.

d. Good time restoration: Requests will be completed in accordance with Policy 117.02, Restoration of Good Time.

IV. PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATIONS FOR CLASSIFICATION PURPOSES (ACI-5B-04)

For purposes of classification, a psychological evaluation is defined as a summative report generated by a psychologist for the purpose of providing recommendations for an individual’s treatment, management, and appropriateness for transition to less restrictive custody. The psychological evaluation may be based on a diagnostic clinical interview, scoring of actuarial risk assessment tools, administration of psychological tests, file review, or any combination of these techniques. A “psychological memo” is typically brief and based on review of clinical assessment/treatment records--including reviews by the Clinical Sex Offense Review Team (CSORT), Clinical Violent Offense Review Team (CVORT), Clinical Substance Use Review Team (CSURT)--and other available records. A diagnostic clinical interview may be done at the clinician’s discretion. Both the psychological evaluation and psychological memo should document how any risk to community safety will be mitigated.
Any inmate who is serving a maximum term of LIFE and/or whose past criminal history or current conviction is for taking the life of another human being or a sexual offense (includes "conspiracy" or "attempted" and offenses with a sexual component but not titled as "sexual") shall have a psychological evaluation completed in order to promote to minimum B or lesser custody level. The evaluation will be valid twelve months beyond the completion date unless significant changes have occurred in that one-year time-frame (e.g., failure at community custody, major Misconduct Report, mental health decompensation). Convictions adjudicated through the juvenile court system will be excluded from past criminal history and do not require a psychological evaluation for promotion to minimum B or lesser custody level.

In cases involving a LIFE sentence or conviction for loss of life, a psychological evaluation is typically completed that minimally includes a diagnostic clinical interview, review of records, review of institutional behavior, review of clinical treatment and programming, and documentation regarding mental health stability and how risk will be managed for community safety if promoted to less restrictive custody. A more comprehensive evaluation is always an option at the discretion of the evaluating psychologist. A psychological memo may be sufficient in cases where clinical treatment was not recommended or was completed successfully, institutional behavior has not involved recent violence, and the inmate has a pattern of mental health stability.

The psychologist may write a psychological memo in lieu of a psychological evaluation under certain circumstances involving assessment of patients who have sexually harmed others. It is appropriate if CSORT has not recommended treatment that needs to be completed in a secure facility and in cases where inmate have completed recommended treatment and are considered to be at average risk or below to sexually recidivate. The inmate should also have a pattern of mental health stability.

A psychological memo is not appropriate in cases where inmates have completed recommended treatment as a person who has sexually harmed others and are considered to be above average risk on actuarial sexual recidivism tools. A psychological memo is not appropriate in cases where the inmate completed treatment more than six months before the promotion evaluation is undertaken. In both of these situations, a psychological evaluation is required that minimally includes clinical diagnostic interview, review of treatment and assessment records, review of institutional behavior, rescoring of risk assessment tools older than six months, and documentation regarding mental health stability and how risk will be managed for community safety if promoted to less restrictive custody.

V. CUSTODY CLASSIFICATION

The following outlines the custody levels available within NDCS and provides a detailed description of the factors and criteria to assign individuals to the appropriate level. Custody classification is not based on one single factor. A holistic look at the individual is necessary to identify the appropriate custody level to which he/she should be assigned.

NDCS utilizes a validated instrument to predict a person’s behavior in prison. The institutional risk assessment (IRA) predicts a person’s likelihood to commit a certain type of infraction within the upcoming six months. This likelihood is documented in the form of one of the following scored risks: violent, serious, non-serious, and low. (ACRS-2A-07)

In addition to scored risk, specific institutional behavior, and sentence structure, special circumstances will be considered including disability. Each case is reviewed by the appropriate decision making level to review the factored custody level. (ACI-5B-11)
The classification authority (as defined in Section II of this policy) has the discretion to override the factored custody level in order to assign a person to a custody level different from the set criteria. The decision to override the factored custody level will be documented, clearly stating the reason for the override. Factors that may necessitate an override decision include, but are not limited to, medical needs, treatment or programming needs, pending charges, law enforcement information, time between walkaway or abscond and return to custody, and/or overall security needs of the agency. (ACI-5B-02, ACI-5B-15)

Generally, individuals will promote one custody level at a time (does not apply to initial classification as all inmates are considered maximum custody upon admission). Exceptions may be made based on sentence length and/or programming needs. Custody decisions will be effective upon transfer to the appropriate facility/housing assignment. Individuals may be housed in higher security facilities than their current custody level requires as needed.

Youthful inmates (males and females under the age of 18) will be housed in a specialized unit and will not have physical contact with any adult inmate through use of a shared dayroom, shower area, or sleeping quarters. In areas outside the specialized units, staff will maintain sight and sound separation or provide direct staff supervision when youthful and adult inmates have sight, sound or physical contact. (ACI-5B-13)

In the event that a youthful inmate is housed outside of the specialized unit, a written statement of the specific reasons for said placement shall be prepared. This statement shall include the specific reasons for housing the person outside of the unit and a case management plan specifying what behaviors need to be modified and how the person may return to the facility. This statement of reasons and case management plan must be approved by the warden and deputy director and shall be reviewed at least quarterly by the case manager and the youthful inmate, the warden and the deputy director to determine whether the youthful offender should be returned to the specialized unit. (ACI-5B-13)

Custody levels are outlined below. Individuals who meet the required criteria for maximum (1X), medium (2X) or minimum A (3A) custody will be assigned to the highest of those three for which they meet at least one of the required criteria. For example, a person who meets the criteria for maximum custody (serving first year of sentence with a TRD greater than 20 years) and medium custody (risk score is serious) will be assigned to maximum custody. Individuals who do not meet the criteria for 1X, 2X or 3A will be considered for minimum B (3B), community A (4A) or community B (4B) custody levels.

Four specific criteria must be met to be eligible for 3B, 4A or 4B: 1) scored risk is low; 2) psychological evaluation complete or not required; 3) no detainers, excluding fines/costs; and 4) completion of all required clinical programs not offered at these custody levels. The individual will be assigned to the highest custody level for which they meet the required criteria and any criteria that does not permit a lower custody level.

A. **Maximum Custody (1X):** A maximum custody determination indicates the inmate is most suitable for housing at a maximum security facility where movement and activities within that facility are highly structured and closely monitored.

Possible facility assignments include the Lincoln Correctional Center, the Nebraska State Penitentiary, the Nebraska Correctional Center for Women, the Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility, and the Tecumseh State Correctional Institution.
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<td>Violent <em>(May not be lower custody level)</em></td>
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<td>Institutional</td>
<td>Guilty findings within the previous 24 months of extortion, mutinous acts, murder, sexual assault or assault <em>(May not be lower custody level)</em></td>
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<td>Behavior</td>
<td>Specific reliable information that the individual is engaged in trafficking, any of the behavior above or is a leader in a security threat group (STG) <em>(May not be lower custody level)</em></td>
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<td>Sentence Structure</td>
<td>LWOP or “de facto Life” and is serving the first four years of sentence <em>(May not be lower custody level)</em></td>
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<td>TRD is greater than 20 years and is serving the first two years of sentence and has not served one year at medium custody <em>(May not be lower custody level)</em></td>
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<td>Sentence is Death <em>(May not be lower custody level)</em></td>
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<td>Special Circumstances</td>
<td>Requires clinical programming not available at lower custody level <em>(May not be lower custody level)</em></td>
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B. Medium Custody (2X): A medium custody determination indicates the inmate is most suitable for housing at a medium or maximum security facility. Inmates assigned to medium custody have their activities and movements moderately controlled and structured.

Possible facility assignments include the Lincoln Correctional Center, the Nebraska State Penitentiary, the Nebraska Correctional Center for Women, the Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility, the Omaha Correctional Center (generally within five years of release), and the Tecumseh State Correctional Institution.

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<td>Institutional</td>
<td>Escape <em>(within previous 10 years)</em> <em>(May not be lower custody level)</em></td>
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<td>Behavior</td>
<td>Possession of a cell phone within previous nine months <em>(excludes community corrections centers)</em> <em>(May not be lower custody level)</em></td>
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<td>Specific reliable information indicating STG behavior within the previous 12 months <em>(May not be lower custody level)</em></td>
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<td>TRD is greater than 20 years and has already served the first two years of sentence at maximum and has not served one year at medium custody <em>(May not be lower custody level)</em></td>
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<td>PED is greater than eight years <em>(May not be lower custody level)</em></td>
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<td>Felony detainer for “highest severity” offense <em>(May not be lower custody level)</em></td>
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<td>Requires clinical programming not available at lower custody level <em>(May not be lower custody level)</em></td>
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<td>Approved for protective custody <em>(May not be lower custody level)</em></td>
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C. Minimum A Custody (3A): A minimum A custody assignment indicates the inmate is most suitable for housing at a minimum or medium security facility. Inmates assigned to minimum A custody may be assigned to an open dormitory living environment. Possible
facility assignments include the Nebraska State Penitentiary, the Omaha Correctional Center (generally within five years of release), the Nebraska Correctional Center for Women, and the Nebraska Youth Correctional Facility.

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<td>Non-serious (May not be lower custody level)</td>
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<td>Institutional Behavior</td>
<td>Escape or walkaway in previous six months (May not be lower custody level)</td>
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<td>TRD greater than 20 years</td>
<td>Parole Board Hearing scheduled (May not be lower custody level)</td>
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<td>TRD greater than 4.5 years</td>
<td>Parole Board Hearing is scheduled (May not be lower custody level)</td>
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<td>Inmate is under the age of 18</td>
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<td>Psychological evaluation</td>
<td>Necessary, but not completed (May not be lower custody level)</td>
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<td>Felony detainer</td>
<td>“high, moderate or low severity” offense or ICE detainer (May not be lower custody level)</td>
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<td>Criminal charges</td>
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<td>Requires clinical programming</td>
<td>Not available at lower custody level (May not be lower custody level)</td>
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<td>Removal from community A or B</td>
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<td>Parole Board Hearing</td>
<td>Scheduled and/or TRD within 4.5 years (REQUIRED for this custody level, but does not exclude lower custody level)</td>
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<td>Parole Board Hearing or TRD</td>
<td>Greater than one year and has recommendation for clinical or non-clinical programming offered at this custody level (May not be lower custody level)</td>
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<td>Current offense</td>
<td>Is not first degree murder (charged as Class I felony) (REQUIRED for this custody level, but does not exclude lower custody level)</td>
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<td>Is not a sex offense per Nebraska Revised Statue 28-319 through 28-322.05* (See list in policy) (REQUIRED for this custody level, but does not exclude lower custody level)</td>
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E. Community A (4A): Assignment to community A custody ("work/education detail") indicates the inmate is suitable for a significantly less structured environment where he/she can interact more regularly with the public while working in a detail assignment in the community under intermittent supervision. Community A custody is the initial step in providing for a graduated release through a systematic decrease in supervision and corresponding increase in responsibility. Individuals are eligible for this custody level when they are within three years of release; however, the preferred time frame for placement at minimum community A is 18 months.

Detail assignments may include work and/or off-site education and/or vocational training. Individuals on education detail who are more than 12 months from their TRD or parole hearing may be required to use electronic monitoring and provide regular check-ins with the facility. Individuals on education detail must also maintain an institutional work assignment, for which they will be compensated. To be eligible for education detail, the individual must, at a minimum, meet all requirements of the learning institution (including GED or HS diploma), have completed all clinical programming required and complete the Work/Educational Release Application (Attachment D). Non-clinical programming may be completed while assigned to an education detail. Refusal to complete clinical programming will forfeit eligibility for an education detail. (ACI-7A-02)

Possible facility assignments include the Community Corrections Center – Lincoln and the Community Corrections Center – Omaha.

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<td>Sentence Structure</td>
<td>Parole Board Hearing within two years and/or TRD within three years (REQUIRED for this custody level)</td>
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<td>Special Circumstances</td>
<td>Specific medical and/or mental health needs can be met at this custody level (REQUIRED for this custody level, but does not exclude lower custody level)</td>
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F. Community B (4B) An assignment to community B custody ("work release") indicates the individual is ready to seek and obtain work in the community without staff supervision. Assignment to community B custody is based on behavior and sentence; individuals may be demoted in custody at the warden’s discretion. The individual must complete the

*Sex offenses listed in NRS 28-319 – 28-322.04 are:
28-319 sexual assault; first degree
28-319.01 sexual assault of a child; first degree
28-320 sexual assault; second or third degree
28-320.01 sexual assault of a child; second or third degree
28-320.02 sexual assault; use of electronic communication device; prohibited acts
28-322.01 sexual abuse of an inmate or parolee
28-322.02 sexual abuse of an inmate or parolee; first degree
28-322.03 sexual abuse of an inmate or parolee; second degree
28-322.04 sexual abuse of a protected individual
28-322.05 sexual abuse of a detainee
Work/Educational Release Application, which will require the warden’s approval as the prior to promotion. Participation on work release is restricted to the State of Nebraska. Possible facility assignments include the Community Corrections Center - Lincoln and the Community Corrections Center - Omaha.

Maintenance fees will be waived for individuals who are classified to community B custody status and are laid off or terminated from their jobs due to COVID-19 or other pandemic illness. This will be accomplished by changing their job status temporarily to "quarantine;" notification will be made to NDCS accounting staff when the change occurs and when the individual returns to a work status.

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**REFERENCE**

I. STATUTORY REFERENCE:
A. Nebraska Revised Statue: 28-319 to 28-322.04

II. NDCS POLICIES
A. Policy 117.02, Restoration of Good Time.

III. ATTACHMENTS
A. Community Custody Assignment Approval Form
B. Classification Appeal Form
C. WEC Community Programming Approval Form
E. Temporary Demotion/Promotion Waiver of Notice and Hearing

IV. AMERICAN CORRECTIONAL ASSOCIATION (ACA)
A. Expected Practices for Adult Correctional Institutions (ACI) (5th edition): 5-ACI-2B-02, 5-ACI-5B-01, 5-ACI-5B-02, 5-ACI-5B-03, 5-ACI-5B-04, 5-ACI-5B-06, 5-ACI-5B-08, 5-ACI-5B-09, 5-ACI-5B-11, 5-ACI-5B-13, 5-ACI-7A-02
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