

371.24 Classification of offenders not convicted of listed offenses.

**STATE OF VERMONT
AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

Directive: 371.24

Subject: Classification Of Offenders Not Convicted Of Listed Offenses

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Supersedes: NEW **APA Rule Number:**

Recommended for approval by: Janice E. Ryan, Deputy Commissioner		Authorized By: Steven M. Gold, Commissioner	
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1. Authority:

1.1. Title 28, V.S.A., Chapter 1 -Section 1(a-c) – Section 2a, Chapter 3 - Section 101 (1), Section 102 (c) (1) (3) (4) (5) (8), Chapter 6, Chapter 11 – Section 701, Section 701a, Section 701b, Section 702, Section 703, Section 706, Section 721 – 726, Section 808, Title 13, V.S.A., Chapter 165, Section 5301

2. Purpose:

2.1. Consistent with Title 28, V.S.A., § 1(b) and with the goal of providing Vermont’s citizens safety from violent crime and Title 28, V.S.A., §808(b) regarding conditional re-entry at the minimum term, this directive:

2.1.1 Applies evidence-based and validated assessment procedures to determine risk and program needs of offenders;

3. Applicability/Accessibility

3.1. All individuals and groups affected by the operation of the department may have access to this directive.

4. Directive:

4.1 It is the intention of this directive to provide a classification process, which incorporates evidence-based correctional practices into the assignment of offenders.

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4.2 Classification Grid for Offenders Convicted of Non-Listed Offenses

	Level Criteria	Institutional Performance Expectations	Program Requirements	Release Decisions * Refer to Directive 371.15
Level A	LSI Score = 0-47	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · performance of work assignments · completion of educational plan 	None in the institution. Program needs to be addressed in community.	Conditional re-entry on minimum

4.3 Level A (Non-Listed Offenders) participation in correctional treatment: These offenders may participate in programs if so motivated and if space permits. However, criminogenic need areas may be addressed in community based programs post-release, and their Offender Responsibility Plan will include these programs as a condition of their release. Responsible living within the institution, including education and work assignments, shall be the primary focus of case planning for this group.

5. Training Method

5.1. It is the responsibility of Superintendents at facility and field sites to ensure that all CSS staff are fully trained in the application of this directive. HRD will develop case planning training curricula to support this directive.

6. Quality Assurance Processes

6.1. The Director of Classification will conduct annual audits of this directive at each CCSC and facility. The Director will identify report compliance issues and report to the Director of Correctional Services.

7. Financial Impact:

7.1 The financial impact will be based on individual offenders. Those that score level A will be referred to community based treatment enhancing the use of resource allocations.

8. References

8.1 Title 28 V.S.A.

9. Responsible Director and Draft Participants

Ray Flum, Director of Classification