

RELEASE GUIDELINE REVISIONS

(effective April 15, 2021)

Sections Impacted	Located on Page(s):	Functional Revisions	Substantive Revisions
User Guide	5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Added to clarify how each participant within the criminal justice system can utilize the guidelines.	
Example Sentencing Decision Tree	11, 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Designed to give an example of how a standard decision would be made using the General Matrix.	
Risk Management Forms Instructions, Risk Management Forms, Risk Reduction Structured Decision-Making Tools Instructions, and Risk Reduction Structured Decision-Making Tools	13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Moved to the beginning of the Sentencing & Released Guidelines to create ease of access.	
Risk Management Forms Instructions	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Removed non-instructive content and placed it in Guideline Philosophy	
Criminal History Scoring Instructions – Forms 1, 2, & 5	13		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Defined the term “prior” in order to clarify convictions that should be scored within the guidelines
Form 1-5	24, 25, 26, 27, 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reformatted so that shaded boxes are not associated with incarceration and unshaded boxes are associated with most serious sentencing decisions.Reformatted to align numbers and explanations within individual categories.	

Form 3	26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added footnote to clarify that time periods on Form only apply to class A prison cases. Otherwise, Form 5 applies to Class A sentencing of misdemeanor offenses. 	
Form 4	27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added clarification that no midpoint listed means a presumption of not jail time recommendation. 	
Form 5	28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added clarification that no midpoint listed means a presumption of not jail time recommendation. 	
Form 6	29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Redesigned to clarify that a page number is required on the form. 	
Tool 4	38	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reformatted so that the continuum of incentives begins with the least shaded boxes and increases with the increase in shading. Replaced term “\$\$ voucher” and “\$\$ award” to “voucher” and “award” to reflect incentives actually used 	
Tool 5	39	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reformatted so that the continuum of sanctions begins with the darkest shading and increases to unshaded to mimic the continuum in the Forms. Added information to clarify that behavior interventions should be used when necessary Replaced the terms “problem solving report” and “thinking report” to “intervention assignment” to reflect terms used by AP&P and probation supervisors 	
Philosophy Statement	42	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incorporated policy information previously contained in criminal management forms instructions 	
Figure 1, Figure 2	43	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Labeled figures for easy identification 	

Ratio Graphic	47	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added graphic to illustrate incentive to sanction ratio 	
Add. C	69	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarified that Sex Offense Matrix only applies to 3rd Degree Felony Lewdness (not Lewdness MB) Updated statutes to identify correct location in Utah Code. 	
Add. H	75, 76	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added to clarify what a risk assessment is and what to expect from one 	
Add. I	77, 78, 79	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added to provide clarity to questions often received by Sentencing Commission. 	
Add. J	80, 81, 82, 83, 84	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added glossary of terms used within the Sentencing and Release Guidelines as well as within the criminal justice system. 	
Add. K	88, 86	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated links to references to ensure references are accessible 	