



## What's New in MAGS MAGS 7.0, July 2018

On July 1, 2018, an updated version of the Maryland Automated Guidelines System (MAGS, version 7.0) was released for immediate use. The following is a summary of the changes to MAGS. In addition, the Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy (MSCCSP) suggests that users reference the MAGS User Manual and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) documents, which have been revised in accordance with the new version of MAGS and are available on the MSCCSP website, [www.msccsp.org](http://www.msccsp.org).

- The instructions for the juvenile delinquency scoring component of the offender score have been updated to reflect the revised juvenile delinquency score, adopted in the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) effective July 1, 2018. As illustrated in the below screenshot, the *Juvenile Delinquency* section of the *Offender Score* screen has been updated as well as the worksheet PDF. Users may find additional instructions pertaining to the scoring of the juvenile delinquency record by clicking on the information icon next the *Juvenile Delinquency* section on the *Offender Score* screen. Additional information pertaining to the MSCCSP's review of the juvenile delinquency score and decision to adopt a revised scoring scheme may be located in the [E-News](#) distributed to criminal justice practitioners on June 1, 2018, and available on our website, [www.msccsp.org](http://www.msccsp.org).

The screenshot shows the MAGS interface with the following details:

- Header:** MAGS MARYLAND AUTOMATED GUIDELINES SYSTEM
- User Info:** Logged in as: mags/judge. Last Name: SMITH, First Name: JOHN, SID: 123456
- Navigation:** Offender Information, **Offender Score**, List of Offenses, Victim Information, Sentence, GLS/Overall Sentence
- Worksheet Title:** Maryland Sentencing Guidelines Worksheet
- Section A:** Relationship to CJS When Instant Offense Occurred
  - 0 = None or Pending Cases
  - 1 = Court or Other Criminal Justice Supervision
- Section B:** Juvenile Delinquency (highlighted with a red box and arrow)
  - 0 = 23 years or older or 0 findings of a delinquent act w/in 5 years of the date of the most recent instant offense
  - 1 = Under 23 years and: 1 or 2 findings of a delinquent act w/in 5 years of the date of the most recent instant offense
  - 2 = Under 23 years and: 3 or more findings of a delinquent act w/in 5 years of the date of the most recent instant offense
- Section C:** Prior Adult Criminal Record
  - 0 = None
  - 1 = Minor
  - 3 = Moderate
  - 5 = Major
- Section D:** Prior Adult Parole/Probation Violation
  - 0 = No
  - 1 = Yes
- Apply Decay Factor:**
  - No
  - Yes
- Offender Score:** 1
- Footer:** View worksheet PDF, Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy/MSCCSP

Please note that the PDF version of all worksheets initiated before July 1, 2018 will reflect the MAGS version number and juvenile delinquency scoring instructions in effect as of the date that the worksheet was initiated. **The sentencing guidelines and seriousness categories in effect at the time of sentencing shall be used to calculate the defendant's sentencing guidelines** (Maryland Sentencing Guidelines Manual, Preface, Chapter 5.2). Therefore, users who have initiated worksheets prior to July 1 for defendants who will be sentenced on or after July 1 should verify the calculation of the juvenile delinquency score, based on the revised instructions, and recalculate if necessary, *prior to sentencing*. To



recalculate the guidelines after modifying the juvenile delinquency score, the user must select the *Edit* option for each of the offenses on the *List of Offenses* tab and click the *Calculate Guidelines Range* button within the *Offense/Offense Score* pop-up screen.