

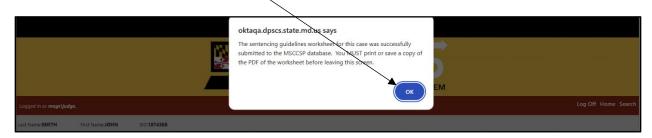
What's New in MAGS 13.0

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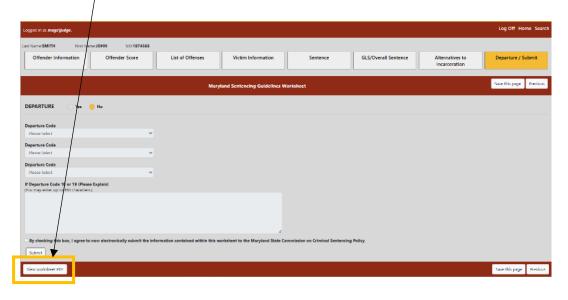
On August 26, 2025, new features were released in version 13.0 of the Maryland Automated Guidelines System (MAGS). The following is a summary of the changes to MAGS. In addition, the Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy (MSCCSP) suggests that users reference the MAGS User Manual, which is available on the MAGS homepage, www.msccsp.org/mags.

<u>UPDATE #1: JUDGES AND THEIR DESIGNEES ARE IMMEDIATELY REDIRECTED TO THE HOME</u> <u>SCREEN UPON SUBMISSON OF A SENTENCING GUIDELINES WORKSHEET</u>

When a worksheet is submitted by a judge or judge's designee, the user will be immediately redirected to the *Home* screen instead of remaining on the *Departure/Submit* screen. This is to ensure that the entered information is properly saved upon worksheet submission. Users should contact MSCCSP staff if edits need to be made to a worksheet post-submission.

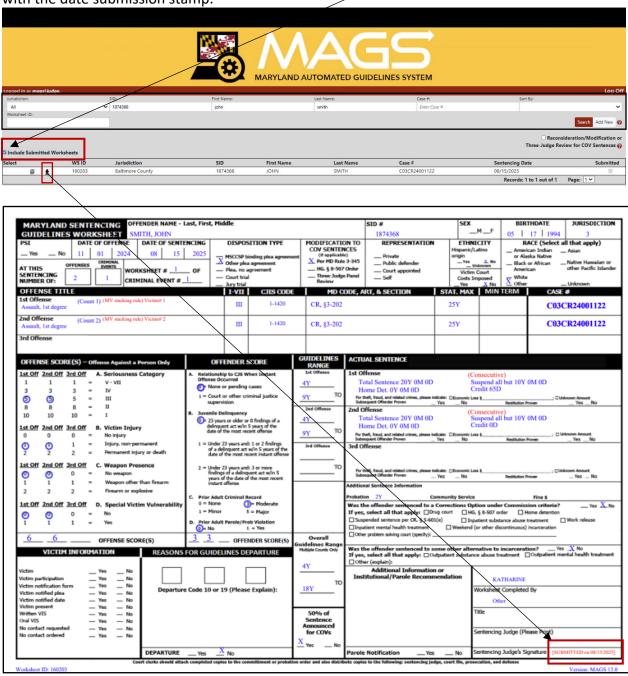


Now that users will be redirected to the *Home* screen immediately upon submission, in order to view and save/print a copy of the completed worksheet, it will be necessary to either: (1) click the "View worksheet PDF" button on the *Departure/Submit* screen <u>prior</u> to clicking the "Submit" button





or (2) upon being redirected to the *Home* screen, click the "Include Submitted Worksheets" button, search for the applicable worksheet(s) (by SID number, worksheet ID, defendant name or case number) and then click the "Download" icon to view a copy of the submitted worksheet with the date submission stamp.

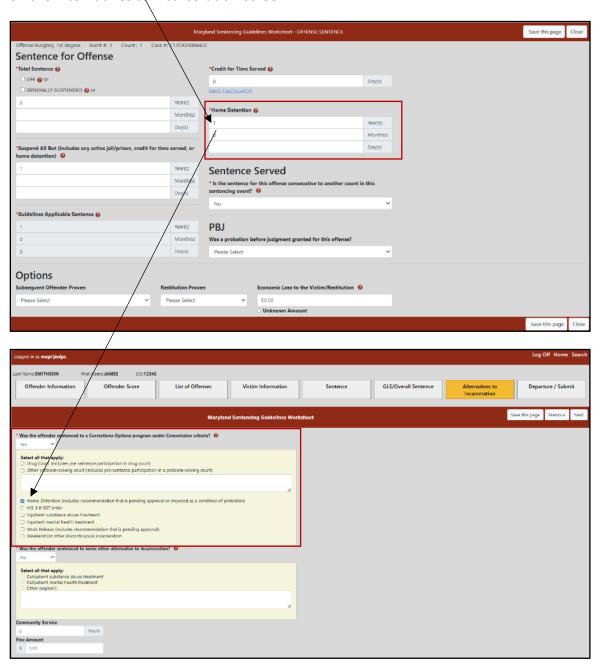


Note: Users can easily copy the SID number that appears at the top of the *Departure/Submit* screen prior to submission and then search for the submitted worksheet(s) by that SID number when redirected back to the *Home* screen.



<u>UPDATE #2: HOME DETENTION WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY CHECKED AS A "CORRECTIONS OPTIONS" PROGRAM, WHEN APPLICABLE</u>

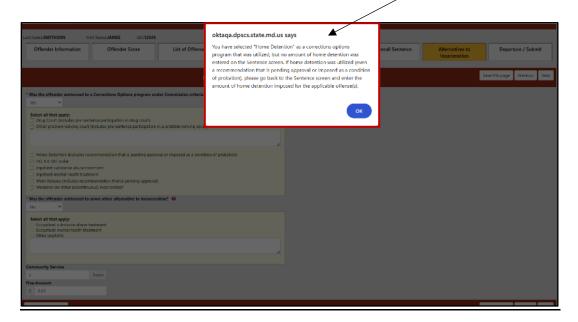
To ensure that guidelines compliance is properly calculated, if a user enters a value greater than zero in the "Home Detention" field (e.g., years, months or days) on the *Sentence* screen, MAGS will automatically mark "Home Detention" as a corrections options program that was utilized on the *Alternatives to Incarceration* screen.





<u>UPDATE #3: ALERT MESSAGE APPEARS IF "HOME DETENTION" WAS CHECKED AS A</u> CORRECTIONS OPTIONS PROGRAM BUT NOT ENTERED ON THE SENTENCE SCREEN

If a user checks "Home Detention" on the *Alternatives to Incarceration* screen, but the Home Detention field is "0" on the *Sentence* screen, the following alert message will appear, prompting users to enter an amount of home detention on the *Sentence* screen:



<u>UPDATE #4: IMPROVED DISPLAY OF "OFFENSE TITLE", "MOST COMMON OFFENSES" AND</u> "SEARCH FOR ALL OFFENSES" BUTTONS

On the Offense/Offender Score screen, the "Most Common Offenses" and "Search for All Offenses" buttons are now more distinguishable. The "Offense Title" has also been expanded and allows users to scroll the entirety of the text box. When a user places their cursor in the text box and presses the "right" arrow on their keyboard, the entire offense title can be scrolled.

