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## **MSCCSP Releases Updated Maryland Sentencing Guidelines Manual and Offense Table (Effective January 2008)**

The Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy (MSCCSP) has revised the Maryland Sentencing Guidelines Manual for clarity and ease-of-use. The new manual has been reorganized and the MSCCSP has:

- Added a chapter explaining special applications of the guidelines (Chapter 10);
- Added sample worksheets so that users can see how to accurately complete the worksheet (Chapters 10 and 16);
- Added a chapter with a list of frequently asked questions and their respective answers (Chapter 15);
- Clarified proper calculation of prior adult record (Chapter 7).

Additionally, the MSCCSP has revised the Guidelines Offense Table (Appendix A of the Maryland Sentencing Guidelines Manual) to reflect: (1) changes to the seriousness categories for select offenses, (2) new offenses passed by the General Assembly, and (3) edits, including updated CJIS codes and a reorganization of handgun and weapon offenses. These changes were submitted to the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) and were adopted **effective January 1, 2008**.

Please download a print friendly version of the updated Maryland Sentencing Guidelines Manual via the MSCCSP website at: <http://www.msccsp.org/guidelinesmanual.pdf>.

You should discard any prior versions of the Manual and Guidelines Offense Table, as information contained within may no longer be accurate.