

ALABAMA BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES  
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CHAPTER 640-X-A  
APPENDIX A

640-X-A-2      Form ABPP-2: Parole Guidelines.

ABPP-2



## PAROLE GUIDELINES

INMATE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

AIS#: \_\_\_\_\_

*The Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles considers relevant offender information when making parole decisions, including static and dynamic risk factors, individual factors, and stakeholder input, while applying professional judgment in each case. In addition to the offender's social and criminal history, the Board reviews the parole guidelines. The parole guidelines ensure the consistent review of certain common decisional factors for all offenders. The Baseline Score is used as an aid in conjunction with the individual file review and information provided at the parole hearing as the Board exercises its discretion to determine the offender's parole readiness.*

### BASELINE PAROLE WEIGHTED FACTORS

#### I. SEVERITY OF OFFENSE OF CONVICTION:

LOW	= + 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
MODERATE	= + 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
HIGH	= + 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
VERY HIGH	= + 4	<input type="checkbox"/>

SCORE

#### II. ACTUARIAL ASSESSMENTS:

##### RISK ASSESSMENT

SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE ADMINISTERED: \_\_\_\_\_  
 VERSION USED: \_\_\_\_\_

VERY HIGH RISK	= + 5	<input type="checkbox"/>
HIGH RISK	= + 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
MODERATE RISK	= + 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
LOW RISK	= + 0	<input type="checkbox"/>

SCORE

OR

SEX OFFENDER RISK ASSESSMENT: \_\_\_\_\_ (Indicate if N/A)

SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE ADMINISTERED: \_\_\_\_\_  
 VERSION USED: \_\_\_\_\_

VERY HIGH RISK	= + 5	<input type="checkbox"/>
HIGH RISK	= + 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
MODERATE RISK	= + 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
LOW RISK	= + 0	<input type="checkbox"/>

SCORE

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**III. INSTITUTIONAL BEHAVIOR:**

0 DISCIPLINARIES WITHIN LAST 12 MONTHS	= +0	<input type="checkbox"/>
1 OR 2 NON-VIOLENT DISCIPLINARIES WITHIN LAST 12 MONTHS	= +1	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 OR MORE NON-VIOLENT DISCIPLINARIES WITHIN LAST 12 MONTHS	= +2	<input type="checkbox"/>
1 DISCIPLINARY INVOLVING VIOLENCE WITHIN LAST 12 MONTHS	= +3	<input type="checkbox"/>
MULTIPLE DISCIPLINARIES INVOLVING VIOLENCE WITHIN LAST 12 MONTHS	= +5	<input type="checkbox"/>

SCORE

**IV. PARTICIPATION IN RISK-REDUCING PROGRAMMING/TREATMENT:**

COMPLETION REQUIRED PROGRAMS	= +0	<input type="checkbox"/>
DEFICIENT PROGRAMMING	= +2	<input type="checkbox"/>
REFUSAL/UNACCEPTABLE COMPLIANCE	= +3	<input type="checkbox"/>

SCORE

**V. COMPLETION OF GED, HIGHER EDUCATION, OR TRADE**

COMPLETION	= -1	<input type="checkbox"/>
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SCORE

**VI. REENTRY PLAN:**

COMPLETE/ACCEPTABLE REENTRY PLAN	= + 0	<input type="checkbox"/>
REENTRY PLAN SUBMITTED	= + 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
NO REENTRY PLAN	= + 2	<input type="checkbox"/>

SCORE

**VII. STAKEHOLDER AND COMMUNITY INPUT:**

SUPPORT ONLY, WITH NO OPPOSITION	= + 0	<input type="checkbox"/>
SUPPORT AND OPPOSITION, OR NO INPUT	= + 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
OPPOSITION ONLY	= + 2	<input type="checkbox"/>

SCORE

**BASELINE PAROLE GUIDELINE TOTAL SCORE**

*[Note: The Baseline Parole Guideline Score establishes a "baseline" aggregate evaluation of decisional factors associated or actuarially related to risk reduction. The Board's decision is guided by the baseline score, its comprehensive review of the inmate's file, and information provided at the time of the hearing.]*

Total Score

0-5 Suggests Parole Grant  
6-8 Neutral  
9+ Suggests Parole Denial

Under 18 at the time of offense?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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## **GUIDELINE INSTRUCTIONS**

### **I. SEVERITY OF OFFENSE OF CONVICTION**

If serving multiple sentences, score the most severe conviction only.  
Sex offenses are scored “Very High”  
Felonies involving personal injury are scored “Very High”  
Victim cases are scored no lower than “High”

### **II. ACTUARIAL ASSESSMENTS**

All offenders will have an ORAS completed. Sex offenders will also have a Static 99.  
The assessment with the highest score will be used. If an ORAS or Static 99 cannot be obtained, an alternate actuarial assessment may be used.

### **III. INSTITUTIONAL BEHAVIOR**

Disciplinaries reported by the Alabama Department of Corrections (ADOC) are considered.  
Only the highest point score will be used. (Scores will not be combined.)

### **IV. PARTICIPATION IN RISK-REDUCING PROGRAMING/TREATMENTS**

Only programs and treatments ordered by the Court or the Board, or recommended by the ADOC that are risk-reducing/cognitive behavioral as defined by ADOC are scored.

If the offender has completed all programming, score a 0.  
If the offender has not completed all programming, score a 2.  
If the offender refused participation or was forcibly removed from the program or treatment, score a 3.

### **V. COMPLETION OF GED, HIGHER EDUCATION, OR TRADE SCHOOL**

This is only considered if obtained during the present term of incarceration. The inmate must have fully completed the course, and a certificate must be on file with the Alabama Department of Corrections.

Completion scores a minus 1

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**VI. REENTRY PROGRESS**

If the offender has submitted a reentry plan to include a home and work plan (and treatment plan if applicable) with supporting documentation or otherwise shown sufficient evidence of the plans, score a 0. For example, the offender provides a home address with contact name and phone number, and a letter from an employer saying that there is a job available.

If the offender has submitted an incomplete plan, score a 1. For example, the offender provides a home plan only. Or the plans lack sufficient detail to be able to verify without additional information from the offender.

If the offender has not submitted any plans or they are so lacking in detail they cannot be used, score a 2.

**VII. STAKEHOLDER AND COMMUNITY INPUT**

This section will be scored by the Board based on input previously submitted, and testimony received during the hearing.

If there is no opposition to parole but there is support given for the offender, score a 0. If there is both support and opposition given, or none at all, score a 1. If there is only opposition, score a 2.

*[Note: If the offender committed their present offense(s) prior to the age of 18, the Board reviews whether the juvenile offender has demonstrated maturity and rehabilitation. For juvenile offenders, the Board evaluates the parole guideline factors in light of whether the offender was so young as to diminish their capacity to fully understand the seriousness and consequences of their offense or whether other relevant maturity or rehabilitative- related factors demonstrate a juvenile offender's parole readiness.]*

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