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## RACE & ETHNICITY



The Compensation Board has revised its LIDS Race Codes to more accurately mirror current federal standards governing race and ethnicity. Revised Race Codes in LIDS, including definitions as set forth by the federal government are now as follows:

- (A) Asian- a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam.
- (B) Black or African American- a person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
- (I) American Indian- a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America).
- (N) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander- a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.
- (W) White- a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.
- (O) Other-any race not designated above.
- (X) Unknown-if race is unknown.

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## Important Dates

Due to budget restrictions as well as the restructuring of LIDS Monthly Trainings there will be no scheduled LIDS Trainings until April 2009. If there is an immediate need for training please contact Kari Bullock or Anne Wilmoth.



Race Codes

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Please note that the terms Hispanic or Latino denote a persons' ethnicity, not race. An inmate that is of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity may be of any race. The term "Hispanic" refers to persons who trace their origin or descent to Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Central and South America, and other Spanish cultures. Although Hispanic will be removed from the race category, for the purposes of statistical reporting a Y/N flag for Hispanic Origin will be added to LIDS in December.

Please also note that an inmate's race should be self-reported, please do not record a race simply based upon an inmate's physical appearance.

BUDGET REDUCTIONS

As a preventative budget reduction measure, all LIDS reports ordered will now run after 6p.m. The Compensation Board receives a 25% discount from VITA/NG for all reports run after hours. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your patience, as continuing to reduce VITA/NG expenditures will prevent reductions in other areas of the Compensation Board budget.



QUESTIONS/SUGGESTIONS

Questions or comments about the content of the LIDS Gazette are always welcome. If you have such please call or email Kari Bullock. For suggestions or requests about what you may like to be addressed in future editions of the LIDS Gazette please email Kari Bullock.

FELONY/MISDEMEANOR & ORDINANCE SENTENCES SERVED CONCURRENTLY

From time to time an inmate's status will change from payable to non-payable or vice versa dependant upon when charges were sentenced, the length of sentence, and whether or not charges are to be run concurrent. It is important that the proper steps be taken to ensure an inmate's confinement status is correct so that your jail is not over or underpaid. Specifically, the audit staff has identified an accuracy issue when an offender is serving a sentence on a misdemeanor and ordinance concurrently.

Example: An inmate is sentenced on a misdemeanor and an ordinance violation on the same day. They are sentenced to 30 days for the misdemeanor and 45 for the ordinance, to be served concurrently. Since both accrue good time at the same rate, after 15 days the misdemeanor will have been served. Those 15 days are payable, the remaining days to serve on an ordinance are not payable. A jail may handle this situation one of two ways:

Release the inmate with release code 23 the day they complete the misdemeanor sentence, booking them back in on the ordinance.

**OR**

Update the misdemeanor charge with a disposition of SC-Sentence Completed, with a disposition date to equal the last day served on the misdemeanor sentence. This action will cause LIDS to cease payment from that day forward.