I. PURPOSE:
To formulate guidelines for the acceptance of juvenile offenders at New Hampshire Department of Corrections facilities.

II. APPLICABILITY:
To all staff with special attention to Offender Records and Reception staff.

III. POLICY:
It is the policy of the New Hampshire Department of Corrections (NHDOC) in accordance with New Hampshire State law, juveniles charged with offenses which would not be crimes if committed by adults and adjudicated delinquent offenders will not reside at any NHDOC facility. The only exception will be if a juvenile has been certified as an adult by order of a Superior Court.

IV. PROCEDURE:
A. The definition of a juvenile is a person less than eighteen years of age.
B. A Superior Court can certify a juvenile as an adult in accordance with RSA 169-B:24.
C. Prior to acceptance of a juvenile certified as an adult, verification of the certification will be made through the ordering Superior Court. A record of the verification will be forwarded with the paperwork to the Offender Records office.
D. Juveniles transported to any NHDOC facility for housing who are not certified as adults by a Superior Court will not be accepted.
REFERENCES:

Standards for the Administration of Correctional Agencies
Second Edition Standards

Standards for Adult Correctional Institutions
Fourth Edition Standards
  4-4306

Standards for Adult Community Residential Services
Fourth Edition Standards

Standards for Adult Probation and Parole Field Services
Third Edition Standards

Other
  RSA-169-B:24

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