

Job Aid

Determining the Most Restrictive Declassification Instruction

When determining the most restrictive declassification instruction among multiple source documents for placement in the “Declassify On” line, follow this hierarchy:

Note: This hierarchy goes from the highest restriction to lowest restriction.

Level of Restriction	Declassification Instruction
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">An ISCAP approved 75-year exemption (i.e., 75X1 through 75X9) with date or event for declassification. <p>The Secretary of Defense or the Secretaries of the Military Departments, or their senior agency officials, may propose within 5 years of the onset of automatic declassification to further exempt specific information from declassification at 75 years. Proposals must be formally accepted by the ISCAP. The exemption category numbers are the same as for 25 year exemptions, except the number “75” is used in place of “25.”</p>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">50X1-HUM – Information that is expected to reveal the identity of a confidential human or human intelligence source, the duration of classification is up to 75 years or50X2-WMD – Information that is expected to reveal key design concepts of weapons of mass destruction, the duration is 75 years. <p>NOTE: When 50X1-HUM and 50X2-WMD are used, a specific date or event for declassification of the information is not used.</p>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">An ISCAP approved 50-year exemption (i.e., 50X1 through 50X9) with date or event for declassification. <p>The exemption category numbers are the same as for 25 year exemptions, except the number “50” is used in place of “25.”</p>



Level of Restriction	Declassification Instruction
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 25X1-human <p>“25X1-human” is no longer authorized as a declassification instruction when creating new originally or derivatively classified documents. If your source document contains the “25X1-human” declassification instruction, change it to 50X1-HUM on the newly created derivatively classified document. Before changing the instruction, obtain authorization from the originator.</p>
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An ISCAP approved 25-year exemption (i.e., 25X1 through 25X9) with a date or event for declassification.
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Absent a declassification instruction or other declassification guidance from the OCA, a calculated date 25 years from the date of the document’s origin. <p>If the sources of classification indicate a combination of dates and events, indicate that declassification should occur on the latest date or the occurrence of the events, whichever is later.</p>

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