

***THE CLINICAL & FORENSIC INTERVIEW  
SCHEDULE:  
For the Hare Psychopathy Checklist-  
Revised & Screening Versions***

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## **CLINICAL AND FORENSIC INTERVIEW SCHEDULE PROCEDURES**

This interview schedule (**CFIS**) provides a format for recording and organizing data necessary for scoring individual Psychopathy Checklist items and arriving at a Total PCL-R/PCL:SV score. The **CFIS** format reduces standard administration time by 30-90 minutes depending on the examination setting and specific case. The **CFIS** has three sections: 1) record review, 2) chronological adult life history, and 3) item interviewing. By the completion of **Section III** the examiner is able to arrive at a Psychopathy Checklist score. The same format is used for both the PCL-R and PCL:SV, however, when the examiner is conducting a PCL:SV interview only those relevant items are coded. A subsequent examiner may later use the same interview schedule to complete the full PCL-R. Psychopathy assessments also require use of a **MHS PCL-R or PCL:SV Rating Booklet** and **Scoring Sheet** (Hare, 2003).

### **SECTION I) RECORD REVIEW**

Prior to interviewing, review all collateral information, recording the relevant data in **Section III** under the appropriate item or items. While essential for scoring the Psychopathy Checklists, collateral information is also necessary for determining the veracity of self-report data obtained during the interview phases of the **CFIS**. While some items may be scored reliably from record review only, in general, scoring impressions formed during the record review are subsequently adjusted based on information obtained during subsequent phases of the psychopathy assessment.

### **SECTION II) CHRONOLOGICAL ADULT LIFE HISTORY**

Begin questioning concerning the examinees history at age 18 or when they left their parents or designated guardian's home. Life events such as, onset of incarceration (including juvenile detention), marriage, divorce, relocation, etc., suggest natural breaks. For example, an examinee leaves home at 16 and is subsequently incarcerated at 21. The 5-year period (16-21) is thoroughly assessed with questions, such as: (**During that time ...**) Where did you live? Live in an apartment? Own home? Lived with whom? How many marriages, live-ins, etc.? With parents? Who paid the bills? Ever late on rent? Bills? Utilities turned off? Evicted from an apartment? How often did you move? Default on loans? Have loans? Did you work? For how long? For who? Support self? Longest period without employment? Percentage of income obtained by illegal means? Was your main job crime? Fired from

