

NYS SORA: Duration of Registration

How long a person must register (duration of registration and community notification) is determined by a person's risk level *and* whether or not the person is designated as a "sexual predator," a "sexually violent offender," or a "predicate sex offender." A court must make the decision about risk level and designation.

Level 1 registrants are required to register for 20 years unless they have been given one of the above designations.

Level 2 and Level 3 registrants are required to be registered for life, although level 2 registrants can petition to be removed from the registry after 30 years.

If the registrant has been designated a sexual predator, a sexually violent offender or a predicate sex offender, he or she must register for life regardless of risk level.

Below is a chart which summarizes this information.

Risk Level	Designation Received? (Sexual Predator, Sexually Violent Offender or Predicate Sex Offender)	Duration of Registration
1	NO DESIGNATION	20 YEARS
2	NO DESIGNATION	LIFE (can petition for removal after 30 years)
3	NO DESIGNATION	LIFE
1	YES, DESIGNATION RECEIVED	LIFE
2	YES, DESIGNATION RECEIVED	LIFE
3	YES, DESIGNATION RECEIVED	LIFE

Note: Under Correction Law § 168-o, registrants who are deemed to be a risk level 2 or 3 can petition the court for a modification (reduction) of their risk level. There is no mechanism to petition the court for a modification or change a registrant's designation.