

SPENT CONVICTIONS IN SCOTLAND

Sentence/Disposal	Rehabilitation Period adults (over 18)	Rehabilitation Period young people (under 18)
Imprisonment or detention in a young offender institution for over 30 months (2 ½ years)	Never spent	Never spent
Imprisonment or detention in a young offender institution over 6 months but not exceeding 30 months (2 ½ years)	10 years	5 years
Imprisonment up to 6 months	7 years	3 years 6 months
Fine	5 years	2 years 6 months
Community Sentence	5 years	2 years 6 months
Conditional Discharge	The period of the order, or a minimum of 12 months (whichever is longer)	The period of the order, or a minimum of 12 months (whichever is longer)
Absolute Discharge	6 months	6 months
Conditional Caution	3 months	3 months
Simple Caution, Reprimand, Final Warning	Spent immediately	Spent immediately

Source: <https://www.sterlingtalentsolutions.co.uk/resources/rehabilitation-periods/>

A conviction becomes spent when, after a certain period of time, a person no longer has to disclose any past criminal convictions.

Lengthy disclosure periods are an impediment to employment, a barrier to social integration and they are stigmatising.

Howard League Scotland is campaigning for changes in spent conviction legislation

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