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Details of how convictions will be considered when considering applications (comparison of current and reviewed policy)

| Offence | Current period | Proposed period |
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| <u>Driving offences</u> | | |
| Speeding, breach of pedestrian crossing regulations, driving without any or adequate insurance, leaving vehicle in dangerous position, eyesight-related offences, failure to give information, construction and use offences | 12 months following expiry of driving ban issued in respect of the offence | 12 months following expiry of driving ban issued in respect of the offence |
| Licence offences, driving without reasonable consideration/care and attention | 3 years following expiry of driving ban issued in respect of the offence | 3 years free of conviction, or since completion of sentence |
| Failing to stop after accident, driving while disqualified, accident offences | 7 years following expiry of driving ban issued in respect of the offence | 7 years free of conviction or since the completion of sentence |
| Dangerous driving, causing death by dangerous/careless driving, culpable homicide or manslaughter while driving | 10 years following expiry of driving ban issued in respect of the offence | 10 years for dangerous driving, applicants will not normally be licensed for any offence involving loss of life. |
| Drink related driving offences | | |
| First offence | 5 years from restoration of driving licence | 5 years from restoration of driving licence |
| Second offence | 7 years from restoration of driving licence | Presumption of refusal – referred to service head or sub committee |
| Subsequent offences | Refer to Committee/Sub-Committee – presumption of refusal. | Presumption of refusal – referred to service head or sub committee |
| Drug offences | | |
| First offence for possession | 5 years from date of conviction | 5 years from date of completion of sentence for possession. |

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| Subsequent offences | 7 years from date of conviction | 7 years from date of completion of sentence |
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| First offence for supply, importing or production | 5 years from date of conviction | 10 years from date of since completion of sentence |
| Indecency and related offences | Refer to Committee/Sub-Committee – presumption of refusal | Presumption of refusal – referred to service head or subcommittee |
| Violence | No licence to be granted until conviction regarded as spent under Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 | Range from 5 years free from conviction to presumption of refusal depending on severity, outlined in draft report |
| Dishonesty | No licence to be granted until conviction regarded as spent under Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (subject to a maximum period of ten years following the date of conviction) | 5 years from date of completion of sentence. Unless burglary or multiple other dishonesty offences will normally be refused. |
| Other offences | No licence to be granted until conviction regarded as spent under Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 | As detailed in draft policy |

Details of when convictions become 'spent' under the rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (effective from 10 March 2014 following amendments)

| Sentence/disposal | Buffer period for adults (18 and over at the time of conviction or the time the disposal is administered). This applies from the end date of the sentence (including the licence period). | Buffer period for young people (under 18 at the time of conviction or the time the disposal is administered). This applies from the end date of the sentence (including the licence period). |
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| Custodial sentence of over 4 years, or a public protection sentence | Never spent | Never spent |

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| Custodial sentence of over 30 months (2 ½ years) and up to and including 48 months (4 years) | | 3½ years |
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| Custodial sentence of over 6 months and up to and including 30 months (2 ½ years) | 4 years | 2 years |
| Custodial sentence of 6 months or less | 2 years | 18 months |
| Community order or youth rehabilitation order | 1 year | 6 months |

| Sentence/disposal | Rehabilitation period for adults (18 and over at the time of conviction or the time the disposal is administered). | Rehabilitation period for young people (under 18 at the time of conviction or the time the disposal is administered). |
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| Fine | 1 year | 6 months |
| Conditional discharge, | Period of the order | Period of the order |
| Absolute discharge | None | None |
| Conditional caution and youth conditional caution | 3 months or when the caution ceases to have effect if earlier | 3 months |
| | | Coast immediately |
| Simple caution, youth caution | Spent immediately | Spent immediately |
| Compensation order | On the discharge of the order (i.e. when it is paid in full) | On the discharge of the order (i.e. when it is paid in full) |
| Binding over order | Period of the order | Period of the order |
| Attendance centre order | Period of the order | Period of the order |
| Hospital order (with or without a restriction order) | Period of the order | Period of the order |
| Referral order | Not available for adults | Period of the order |
| Reparation order | Not available for adults | None |

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