

This Act allows an offender to be rehabilitated and his or her conviction becomes spent after the following period of time

Rehabilitation periods for sentences with buffer periods		
	Aged 18 or over on conviction	Aged 17 or under on conviction
Community order or youth rehabilitation order	Total length of order plus 1 year	Total length of order plus 6 months
Prison sentence or detention in a young offender institution for 6 months or less	Total length of sentence (including licence period) plus 2 years	Total length of sentence (including licence period) plus 18 months
Prison sentence or detention in a young offender institution for over 6 months and up to and including 30 months (2 ½ years)	Total length of sentence (including licence period) plus 4 years	Total length of sentence (including licence period) plus 2 years
Prison sentence or detention in a young offender institution for over 30 months (2 ½ years) and up to and including 48 months (4 years)	Total length of sentence (including licence period) plus 7 years	Total length of sentence (including licence period) plus 3 ½ years
Prison sentence or detention in a young offender institution for over 48 months (4years) or a public protection sentence	Never spent	Never spent

Rehabilitation periods for sentences with <u>no</u> buffer periods		
Absolute discharge	Spent immediately	Spent immediately
Bind over	At the end of the order	At the end of the order
Compensation order	When paid in full	When paid in full
Conditional caution/youth condition caution	3 months or when caution ceases to have effect if earlier	3 months or when caution ceases to have effect if earlier
Conditional discharge order	At the end of the order	At the end of the order
Endorsements (imposed by a court)	5 years	2 ½ years
Fine	1 year	6 months
Hospital order (with or without restriction)	When order ceases to have effect	When order ceases to have effect
Referral order	At the end of the order	At the end of the order
Relevant order	When order ceases to have effect	When order ceases to have effect
Reparation order	Spent immediately	Spent immediately
Simple caution/youth caution	Spent immediately	Spent immediately

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