

UK– CRIMINAL offences and their corresponding maximum sentences

The table below is a quick reference guide with offences and their corresponding maximum sentences.

OFFENCE :	CONTRARY TO :	MAXIMUM PENALTY :
HOMICIDE AND RELATED GRAVE OFFENCES		
Murder	Common law	Life
Attempted Murder	Common law	Life
Manslaughter	Common law	Life
Soliciting to commit murder	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s.4	Life
Child destruction	Infant Life (Preservation) Act 1929 s.1(1)	Life
Infanticide	Infanticide Act 1938 s.1(1)	Life
Causing explosion likely to endanger life or property	Explosive Substances Act 1883 s.2	Life
Attempt to cause explosion, making or keeping explosive etc.	Explosive Substances Act 1883 s.3	Life
OFFENCES INVOLVING SERIOUS VIOLENCE OR DAMAGE, AND SERIOUS DRUGS OFFENCES		
Destroying, damaging or endangering the safety of an aircraft	Aviation Security Act 1982 s. 2	Life
Endangering the safety of an aircraft	Aviation Security Act 1982 s. 2(1)(b)	Life
Racially-aggravated arson (endangering life)	Crime and Disorder Act 1998 s. 30	Life
Kidnapping	Common law	Life
False imprisonment	Common law	Life
Torture	Criminal Justice Act s.134	Life
Aggravated criminal damage	Criminal Damage Act 1971 s.1(2)	Life
Aggravated arson	Criminal Damage Act 1971 s.1(2), (3)	Life
Arson (where value exceeds £30,000)	Criminal Damage Act 1971 s.1(3)	Life
Hostage-taking	Taking of Hostages Act 1982 s.1	Life
Hijacking	Aviation Security	Life

	Act 1982 s. 1	
Other acts endangering or likely to endanger the safety of an aircraft	Aviation Security Act 1982 s. 3	Life
Hijacking of ships	Aviation & Maritime Security Act 1990 s.9	Life
Endangering safety at aerodromes	Aviation & Maritime Security Act 1990 s.1	Life
Seizing or exercising control of fixed platforms	Aviation & Maritime Security Act 1990 s.10	Life
Destroying fixed platforms or endangering their safety	Aviation & Maritime Security Act 1990 s.11	Life
Other acts endangering or likely to endanger safety navigation	Aviation & Maritime Security Act 1990 s.12	Life
Offences involving threats	Aviation & Maritime Security Act 1990 s.13	Life
Offences relating to Channel Tunnel trains and the tunnel system	Channel Tunnel Security Order 1994	Life
Genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and related offences other than one involving murder	International Criminal Court Act 2001 s.51 or s.52	30 years
Possession of firearm with intent to endanger life	Firearms Act 1968 s.16	Life
Possession of firearm with intent to cause fear of violence	Firearms Act 1968 s.16A	10 years
Use of firearm to resist arrest	Firearms Act 1968 s.17(1)	Life
Possession of firearm at time of committing or being arrested for offence specified in schedule 1 to that Act	Firearms Act 1968 s.17(2)	Life
Possession of firearm with criminal intent	Firearms Act 1968 s.18	Life
Possession or acquisition of certain prohibited weapons etc.	Firearms Act 1968 s.5	
Possessing or distributing prohibited weapon or ammunition (5 year minimum sentence)	Firearms Act 1968	10 years
Trespassing with firearm or imitation firearm in a building	Firearms Act 1968	7 years
Carrying firearm or imitation firearm in public place	Firearms Act 1968	7 years

Shortening a shot gun; conversion of firearm	Firearms Act 1968	7 years
Trading in firearms without being registered as firearms dealer	Firearms Act 1968	5 years
Selling firearm to person without a certificate	Firearms Act 1968	5 years
Repairing, testing etc. firearm without a certificate	Firearms Act 1968	5 years
Falsifying certificate etc. with view to acquisition of firearm	Firearms Act 1968	5 years
Carrying of any offensive weapon in a public place without lawful authority or reasonable excuse	Prevention of Crime Act 1953 s.1	4 years
Manufacture, sale, hire, offer for sale or hire, exposure or possession for the purpose of sale or hire, or lending or giving to any other person and the importation of flick knives and gravity knives (fine up to £5000)	Restriction of Offensive Weapons Act 1959 s1(1)	6 months
Having an article with a blade or a sharp point in a public place without good reason or lawful authority. (An exemption applies to folding pocket knives with a blade of less than three inches).	Criminal Justice Act 1988 S139	2 years
unlawful marketing of knives as suitable for combat, or in ways likely to stimulate or encourage violent behaviour	Knives Act 1997	2 years
Aggravated burglary	Theft Act 1968 s.10	Life
Robbery or assault with intent to rob	Theft Act 1968 s.8	Life
Armed robbery	Theft Act 1968 s.8(1)	Life
Assault with weapon with intent to rob	Theft Act 1968 s.8(2)	Life
Blackmail	Theft Act 1968 s.21	14 years
Riot	Public Order Act 1986 s.1	10 years
Violent disorder	Public Order Act 1986 s.2	5 years
Contamination of goods with intent	Public Order Act 1986 s.38	Life
Causing death by dangerous driving	Road Traffic Act 1988 s.1	14 years
Causing death by careless driving while under the influence of drink or drugs	Road Traffic Act 1988 s.3A	14 years
Aggravated vehicle taking resulting in death	Theft Act 1968 s.12A	14 years
Causing danger to road users	Road Traffic Act 1988 s.22A	
Attempting to choke, suffocate, strangle etc.	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s.21	Life

Destroying or damaging property other than an offence of arson	Criminal Damage Act 1971 s.1(2)	Life
Causing miscarriage by poison, instrument	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s.58	Life
Making threats to kill	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s.16	10 years
Wounding or grievous bodily harm with intent to cause grievous bodily harm etc.	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s.18	Life
Endangering the safety of railway passengers	Offences against the Person Act 1861 ss.32, 33, 34	Life
Impeding persons endeavouring to escape wrecks	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s.17	Life
Administering chloroform, laudanum etc.	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s.22	Life
Administering poison etc. so as to endanger life	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s.23	10 years
Cruelty to persons under 16	Children and Young Persons Act 1933 s.1	10 years
Aiding and abetting suicide	Suicide Act 1961 s.2	
Prison mutiny	Prison Security Act 1992 s.1	
Assaulting prison officer whilst possessing firearm etc.	Criminal Justice Act 1991 s.90	
Producing or supplying a Class A or B drug	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 s.4	
Possession of a Class A drug with intent to supply	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 s.5	Life
Possession of a Class B or C drug with intent to supply	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 s.5	14 years
Manufacture and supply of scheduled substances	Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 s.12	
Fraudulent evasion of controls on Class A and B drugs	Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 s.170(2)(b), (c)	
Illegal importation of Class A and B drugs	Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 s.50	
Offences in relation to proceeds of drug trafficking	Drug Trafficking	

	Act 1994 ss.49, 50 and 51	
Offences in relation to money laundering investigations	Drug Trafficking Act 1994 ss.52 and 53	
Practitioner contravening drug supply regulations	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 ss.12 and 13	
Cultivation of cannabis plant	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 s.6	
Occupier knowingly permitting drugs offences etc.	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 s.8	
Activities relating to opium	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 s.9	
Drug trafficking offences at sea	Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 s.18	
Firing on Revenue vessel	Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 s.85	
Making or possession of explosive in suspicious circumstances	Explosive Substances Act 1883 s.4(1)	
Causing bodily injury by explosives	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s.28	
Using explosive or corrosives with intent to cause grievous bodily harm	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s.29	
Hostage taking	Taking of Hostages Act 1982 s.1	
Offences against international protection of nuclear material	Nuclear Material (Offences) Act 1983 s.2	
Placing explosives with intent to cause bodily injury	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s.30	14 years
Membership of proscribed organisations	Terrorism Act 2000 s.11	
Support or meeting of proscribed organisations	Terrorism Act 2000 s.12	
Uniform of proscribed organisations	Terrorism Act 2000 s.13	
Fund-raising for terrorism	Terrorism Act 2000 s.15	
Other offences involving money or property to be used for terrorism	Terrorism Act 2000 ss.16-18	
Disclosure prejudicing, or interference of material relevant	Terrorism Act	

to, investigation of terrorism	2000 s.39	
Weapons training	Terrorism Act 2000 s.54	
Directing terrorist organisation	Terrorism Act 2000 s.56	
Possession of articles for terrorist purposes	Terrorism Act 2000 s.57	
Unlawful collection of information for terrorist purposes	Terrorism Act 2000 s.58	
Incitement of terrorism overseas	Terrorism Act 2000 s.59	
Concealing criminal property	Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 s.327	
Involvement in arrangements facilitating the acquisition, retention, use or control of criminal property	Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 s.328	
Acquisition, use or possession of criminal property	Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 s.329	
Failure to disclose knowledge or suspicion of money laundering: regulated sector	Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 s.330	
Failure to disclose knowledge or suspicion of money laundering: nominated officers in the regulated sector	Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 s.331	
Failure to disclose knowledge or suspicion of money laundering: other nominated officers	Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 s.332	
Tipping off	Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 s.333	
Disclosure under sections 330, 331, 332 or 333 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 otherwise than in the form and manner prescribed	Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 s.339(1A)	
Causing or allowing the death of a child or vulnerable adult	Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 s.5	14 years
Female circumcision	Prohibition of Female Circumcision Act 1985 s.1	5 years
Female genital mutilation	Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003 s.1	14 years
Assisting a girl to mutilate her own genitalia	Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003 s.2	14 years
Assisting a non-UK person to mutilate overseas a girl's genitalia	Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003 s.3	14 years

LESSER OFFENCES INVOLVING VIOLENCE OR DAMAGE, AND LESS SERIOUS DRUGS OFFENCES

Racially-aggravated assault - ABH or GBH	Crime and Disorder Act 1998 s. 29(1)	7 years
Racially-aggravated common assault	Crime and Disorder Act 1998 s. 29	2 years
Racially-aggravated criminal damage	Crime and Disorder Act 1998 s. 30(1)	2 years
Unlawful wounding	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s.20	5 years
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s.47	5 years
Concealment of birth	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s.60	2 years
Abandonment of children under two	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s.27	5 years
Arson (other than aggravated arson) where value does not exceed £30,000	Criminal Damage Act 1971 s.1(3)	
Criminal damage (other than aggravated criminal damage)	Criminal Damage Act 1971 s.1(1)	
Possession of firearm without certificate	Firearms Act 1968 s.1	10 years
Carrying loaded firearm in public place	Firearms Act 1968 s.19	7 years
Trespassing with a firearm	Firearms Act 1968 s.20	7 years
Shortening of shotgun or possession of shortened shotgun	Firearms Act 1968 s.4	7 years
Shortening of smooth bore gun	Firearms Amendment Act 1988 s.6(1)	
Possession or acquisition of shotgun without certificate	Firearms Act 1968 s.2	10 years
Possession of firearms by person convicted of crime	Firearms Act 1968 s.21(4)	
Acquisition by or supply of firearms to person denied them	Firearms Act 1968 s.21(5)	5 years
Dealing in firearms	Firearms Act 1968 s.3	5 years
Failure to comply with certificate when transferring firearm	Firearms Act 1968 s.42	
Permitting an escape	Common law	
Rescue	Common law	

Escaping from lawful custody without force	Common law	
Breach of prison	Common law	
Harbouring escaped prisoners	Criminal Justice Act 1961 s.22	
Assisting prisoners to escape	Prison Act 1952 s.39	
Fraudulent evasion of agricultural levy	Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 s.68A(1) and (2)	
Offender armed or disguised	Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 s.86	
Making threats to destroy or damage property	Criminal Damage Act 1971 s.2	
Possessing anything with intent to destroy or damage property	Criminal Damage Act 1971 s.3	
Child abduction by connected person	Child Abduction Act 1984 s.1	
Child abduction by other person	Child Abduction Act 1984 s.2	
Bomb hoax	Criminal Law Act 1977 s.51	
Producing or supplying Class C drug	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 s.4	
Possession of a Class C drug with intent to supply	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 s.5(3)	
Fraudulent evasion of controls on Class C drugs	Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 s.170(2)(b), (c)	
Illegal importation of Class C drugs	Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 s.50	
Possession of Class A drug	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 s.5(2)	
Failure to disclose knowledge or suspicion of money laundering	Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986 s.26B	
Tipping-off in relation to money laundering investigations	Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986 s.26C	
Assaults on officers saving wrecks	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s.37	7 years
Attempting to injure or alarm the Sovereign	Treason Act 1842 s.2	

Assisting illegal entry or harbouring persons	Immigration Act 1971 s.25	
Employment of adults subject to immigration control: penalty notice	Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 S.15(2)	£10,000
Administering poison with intent to injure etc.	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s.24	
Neglecting to provide food for or assaulting servants etc.	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s.26	
Setting spring guns with intent to inflict grievous bodily harm	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s.31	5 years
Supplying instrument etc. to cause miscarriage	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s.59	
Endeavouring to conceal a birth	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s.60	2 years
Failure to disclose information about terrorism	Terrorism Act 2000 s.19	5 years
Circumcision of females	Prohibition of Female Circumcision Act 1985 s.1	
Breaking or injuring submarine telegraph cables	Submarine Telegraph Act 1885 s.3	
Failing to keep dogs under proper control resulting in injury	Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 s.3	
Making gunpowder etc. to commit offences	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s.64	
Stirring up racial hatred	Public Order Act 1986 ss.18-23	
SEXUAL OFFENCES AND OFFENCES AGAINST CHILDREN		
Administering drugs to obtain intercourse	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.4	2 years
Procurement of a woman by threats	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.2	2 years
Procurement of a woman by false pretences	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.3	2 years
Attempted sexual intercourse with girl under 13	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.5	7 years
Procurement of a defective	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.9	2 years
Intercourse with a defective	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.7	2 years

Incest by man with a girl under 13	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.10	7 years
Incest by woman with a girl under 13	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.11	7 years
Attempted incest by man with a girl over 13	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.10	2 years
Gross indecency between male of 21 or over and male under 16	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.13	
Indecent assault on a woman	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.14	10 years
Indecent assault on a man	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.15	10 years
Abuse of position of trust	Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 2000 s.3	
Man living on earnings of prostitution	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.30	7 years
Woman exercising control over prostitute	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.31	
Living on earnings of male prostitution	Sexual Offences Act 1967 s.5	7 years
Inciting girl under 16 to have incestuous sexual intercourse	Criminal Law Act 1977 s.54	2 years
Ill-treatment of persons of unsound mind	Mental Health Act 1983 s.127	
Abduction of unmarried girl under 18 from parent	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.19	2 years
Abduction of unmarried girl under 16 from parent	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.20	2 years
Abduction of defective from parent	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.21	2 years
Causing prostitution of women	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.22	2 years
Procuration of girl under 21	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.23	2 years
Detention of woman in brothel	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.24	2 years
Permitting girl under 16 to use premises for intercourse	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.26	2 years
Permitting defective to use premises for intercourse	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.27	2 years
Causing or encouraging prostitution of, intercourse with or indecent assault on girl under 16	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.28	2 years
Causing or encouraging prostitution of defective	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.29	2 years
Soliciting by men	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.32	2 years
Keeping a brothel	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.33	6 months

Ill-treatment of patients	Mental Health Act 1983 s.127	2 years
Sexual intercourse with patients	Mental Health Act 1959 s.128	2 years
Sexual assault	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s.3	Life
Causing sexual activity without penetration	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 4	Life
Paying for sexual services - penetration of a child aged 16 or 17	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 47	7 years
Engaging in sexual activity in the presence of a child	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 11	10 years
Causing a child to watch a sexual act	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 12	10 years
Child sex offence committed by person under 18	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 13	5 years
Meeting child following sexual grooming	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 15	10 years
Abuse of trust: sexual activity with a child	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 16	5 years
Abuse of position of trust: causing a child to engage in sexual activity	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 17	5 years
Abuse of trust: sexual activity in the presence of a child	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 18	5 years
Abuse of position of trust: causing a child to watch sexual activity	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 19	5 years
Engaging in sexual activity in the presence of a person with a mental disorder	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 32	7 years
Causing a person with a mental disorder to watch a sexual act	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 33	7 years
Engaging in sexual activity in the presence of a person with a mental disorder	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 36	7 years
Causing a person with a mental disorder to watch a sexual act	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 37	7 years
Care workers: sexual activity in presence of a person with a mental disorder	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 40	7 years
Care workers: causing a person with a mental disorder to watch a sexual act	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 41	7 years
Causing or inciting prostitution for gain	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 52	7 years
Controlling prostitution for gain	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 53	7 years
Administering a substance with intent	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 61	10 years
Committing offence with intent to commit sexual offence	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 62	10 years
Trespass with intent to commit sexual offence	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 63	10 years

Sex with adult relative: penetration	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 64	2 years
Sex with adult relative: consenting to penetration	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s.65	2 years
Exposure	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 66	2 years
Voyeurism	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 67	2 years
Intercourse with an animal	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 69	2 years
Sexual penetration of a corpse	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 70	2 years
Creulty to children	s1 Children & Young Persons Act 1933	10 years
BURGLARY ETC		
Burglary (domestic)	Theft Act 1968 s.9(3)(a)	14 years
Aggravated burglary	Theft Act 1968 s10	Life
Going equipped to steal	Theft Act 1968 s.25	
Burglary with intent to inflict GBH on a person or do unlawful damage to a building or anything in it (dwelling)	Theft Act 1968 s9	14 years
Burglary with intent to inflict GBH on a person or do unlawful damage to a building or anything in it (non-dwelling)	Theft Act 1968 s9	10 years
Burglary with intent to commit rape (dwelling)	Theft Act 1968 s9	14 years
Burglary with intent to commit rape (non-dwelling)	Theft Act 1968 s9	10 years
Burglary (non-domestic)	Theft Act 1968 s.9(3)(b)	10 years
OTHER OFFENCES OF DISHONESTY		
Destruction of registers of births etc.	Forgery Act 1861 s.36	
Making false entries in copies of registers sent to register	Forgery Act 1861 s.37	
Possession (with intention) of false identity documents	Identity Cards Act 2006 s.25(1)	
Possession (with intention) of apparatus or material for making false identity documents	Identity Cards Act 2006 s.25(3)	
Possession (without reasonable excuse) of false identity documents or apparatus or material for making false identity documents	Identity Cards Act 2006 s.25(5)	
Undischarged bankrupt being concerned in a company	Insolvency Act 1986 s. 360	
Counterfeiting notes and coins	Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981 s.14	

Passing counterfeit notes and coins	Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981 s.15
Offences involving custody or control of counterfeit notes and coins	Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981 s.16
Making, custody or control of counterfeiting materials etc.	Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981 s.175
Illegal importation: counterfeit notes or coins	Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 s.50
Fraudulent evasion: counterfeit notes or coins	Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 s.170(2)(b), (c)
VAT offences	Value Added Tax Act 1994 s. 72(1-8)
Fraudulent evasion of duty	Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 s. 170(1)(b)
Theft	Theft Act 1968 s.1
Removal of articles from places open to the public	Theft Act 1968 s.11
Abstraction of electricity	Theft Act 1968 s.13
Obtaining property by deception	Theft Act 1968 s.15
Obtaining pecuniary advantage by deception	Theft Act 1968 s.16
False accounting	Theft Act 1968 s.17
Handling stolen goods	Theft Act 1968 s.22
Obtaining services by deception	Theft Act 1978 s.1
Evasion of liability by deception	Theft Act 1978 s.2
Illegal importation: not elsewhere specified	Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 s.50
Counterfeiting Customs documents	Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 s.168
Fraudulent evasion: not elsewhere specified	Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 s.170(2)(b),

Forgery	(c) Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981 s.1	
Copying false instrument with intent	Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981 s.2	
Using a false instrument	Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981 s.3	
Using a copy of a false instrument	Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981 s.4	
Custody or control of false instruments etc.	Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981 s.5	
Offences in relation to dies or stamps	Stamp Duties Management Act 1891 s.13	
Counterfeiting of dies or marks	Hallmarking Act 1973 s.6	
Fraud by false representation	Fraud Act 2006 s.2	10 years
Fraud by failing to disclose information	Fraud Act 2006 s.3	
Fraud by abuse of position	Fraud Act 2006 s.4	
Possession etc of articles for use in frauds	Fraud Act 2006 s.6	5 years
Making or supplying articles for use in frauds	Fraud Act 2006 s.7	
Participating in fraudulent business carried on by sole trader etc.	Fraud Act 2006 s.9	
Obtaining services dishonestly	Fraud Act 2006 s.11	
MISCELLANEOUS OTHER OFFENCES		
Breach of anti-social behaviour order	Crime and Disorder Act 1998 s. 1(10)	
Breach of community sentences - Increase the severity of the existing sentence or Revoke the existing sentence and proceed as though sentencing for the original offence.	Criminal Justice Act 2003	51 weeks custody (if custody was not available for the original offence)
Breach of sex offender order	Crime and Disorder Act 1998 s. 2(8)	
Racially-aggravated public order offence	Crime and Disorder Act 1998 s. 31(1)	2 years
Racially aggravated harassment/putting another in fear of violence	Crime and Disorder Act	

Having an article with a blade or point in a public place	1998 s. 32(1) Criminal Justice Act 1988 s. 139	4 years
Breach of harassment injunction	Protection from Harassment Act 1997 s. 3(6)	
Putting people in fear of violence	Protection from Harassment Act 1997 s. 4(1)	5 years
Offences in relation to certain dangerous articles	Aviation Security Act 1982	5 years
Breach of restraining order	Protection from Harassment Act 1997 s. 5(5)	
Being drunk on an aircraft	Air Navigation Order 2005, article 75	
Possession of offensive weapon	Prevention of Crime Act 1953 s.1	
Affray	Public Order Act 1986 s.3	3 years
Assault with intent to resist arrest	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s.38	2 years
Unlawful eviction and harassment of occupier	Protection from Eviction Act 1977 s.1	
Fraudulent evasion of the prohibition on importing indecent or obscene articles	Customs & Excise Management Act 1979 s.170	7 years
Obscene articles intended for publication for gain	Obscene Publications Act 1964 s.1	
Gross indecency between males (other than where one is 21 or over and the other is under 16)	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.13	
Solicitation for immoral purposes	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.32	
Buggery of males of 16 or over otherwise than in private	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.12	
Acts outraging public decency	Common law	
Offences of publication of obscene matter	Obscene Publications Act 1959 s.2	
Keeping a disorderly house	Common law; Disorderly Houses Act 1751 s.8	
Indecent display	Indecent Displays (Control) Act 1981 s.1	

Presentation of obscene performance	Theatres Act 1968 s.2	
Procurement of intercourse by threats etc.	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.2	
Causing prostitution of women	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.22	
Detention of woman in brothel or other premises	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.24	2 years
Procurement of a woman by false pretences	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.3	
Procuring others to commit homosexual acts	Sexual Offences Act 1967 s.4	2 years
Trade description offences (9 offences)	Trade Descriptions Act 1968 ss.1, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14	
Misconduct endangering ship or persons on board ship	Merchant Shipping Act 1970 s.27	
Obstructing engine or carriage on railway	Malicious Damage Act 1861 s.36	
Offences relating to the safe custody of controlled drugs	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 s.11	
Possession of Class B or C drug	Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 s.5(2)	
Wanton or furious driving	Offences against the Person Act 1861 s.35	2 years
Dangerous driving	Road Traffic Act 1988 s.2	
Forgery and misuse of driving documents	Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981 s.65	
Forgery of driving documents	Road Traffic Act 1960 s.233	
Forgery etc. of licences and other documents	Road Traffic Act 1988 s.173	
Mishandling or falsifying parking documents etc.	Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 s.115	
Aggravated vehicle taking	Theft Act 1968 s.12A	14 years
Failing to stop or failing to report	Road Traffic Act 1988	6 months imprisonment and/or £5,000 fine
Failing to nominate a driver at the time of an alleged offence	Road Traffic Act 1988 S.172 Amended 2007	6 points and a fine of £1000.
Forgery, alteration, fraud of licences etc.	Vehicle Excise and Registration	

Making off without payment	Act 1994 s.44
Agreeing to indemnify sureties	Theft Act 1978 s.3
Sending prohibited articles by post	Bail Act 1976 s.9(1)
Impersonating Customs officer	Post Office Act 1953 s.11
Obstructing Customs officer	Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 s.13
	Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 s.16

OFFENCES AGAINST PUBLIC JUSTICE AND SIMILAR OFFENCES

Conspiring to commit offences outside the United Kingdom	Criminal Justice (Terrorism and Conspiracy) Act 1998 s. 5
Perverting the course of public justice	Common law
Perjuries (7 offences)	Perjury Act 1911 ss.1-7(2)
Corrupt transactions with agents	Prevention of Corruption Act 1906 s.1
Corruption in public office	Public Bodies Corrupt Practices Act 1889 s.1
Embracery	Common law
Fabrication of evidence with intent to mislead a tribunal	Common law
Personation of jurors	Common law
Concealing an arrestable offence	Criminal Law Act 1967 s.5
Assisting offenders	Criminal Law Act 1967 s.4(1)
False evidence before European Court	European Communities Act 1972 s.11
Personating for purposes of bail etc.	Forgery Act 1861 s.34
Intimidating a witness, juror etc.	Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 s.51(1)
Harming, threatening to harm a witness, juror etc.	Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 s.51(2)
Prejudicing a drug trafficking investigation	Drug Trafficking Act 1994 s.58(1)
Giving false statements to procure cremation	Cremation Act

False statement tendered under section 9 of the Criminal Justice Act 1967	1902 s.8(2) Criminal Justice Act 1967 s.89	
Making a false statement to obtain interim possession order	Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 s.75(1)	
Making false statement to resist making of interim possession order	Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 s.75(2)	
False statement tendered under section 5B of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980	Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 s.106	
Making false statement to authorised officer	Trade Descriptions Act 1968 s.29(2)	
SERIOUS SEXUAL OFFENCES		
Rape	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.1(1)	Life
Sexual intercourse with girl under 13	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.5	Life
Attempted sexual intercourse with girl under 13	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.5	7 years
Sexual intercourse with defective	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.7	Life
Incest by man with a girl under 13	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s. 10	Life
Buggery of person under 16	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.12	
Indecency with children under 14	Indecency with Children Act 1960 s.1(1)	10 years
Taking, having etc. indecent photographs of children	Protection of Children Act 1978 s.1	10 years
Possession of indecent photograph of a child	Criminal Justice Act 1988 s.160	5 years
Assault with intent to commit buggery	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.16	10 years
Abduction of woman by force	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.17	14 years
Permitting girl under 13 to use premises for sexual intercourse	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.25	Life
Allowing or procuring child under 16 to go abroad to perform	Children and Young Persons Act 1933 ss.25, 26	
Abduction of unmarried girl under 16 from parent	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.20	Life
Permitting girl under 16 to use premises for intercourse	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.26	Life

Causing or encouraging prostitution of girl under 16	Sexual Offences Act 1956 s.28	Life
Rape	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 1	Life
Assault by penetration	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 2	Life
Sexual assault	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 3	10 years
Causing a person to engage in sexual activity without consent	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 4	10 years
Rape of child under 13	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 5	Life
Assault of child under 13 by penetration	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 6	Life
Sexual assault of child under 13	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 7	14 years
Causing a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 8	14 years
Sexual activity with a child	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 9	14 years
Causing a child to engage in sexual activity	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 10	14 years
Arranging or facilitating commission of a child sex offence	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 14	14 years
Sexual activity with a child family member, with penetration (Offender over 18)	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 25	14 years
Sexual activity with a child family member, with penetration (Offender under 18)	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 25	5 years
Inciting a child family member to engage in sexual activity (Offender over 18)	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 26	14 years
Inciting a child family member to engage in sexual activity (Offender under 18)	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 26	5 years
Sexual activity with a person with a mental disorder	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 30	14 years
Causing or inciting a person with a mental disorder to engage in sexual activity	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 31	14 years
Engaging in sexual activity in the presence of a person with a mental disorder impeding choice	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 32	10 years
Causing a person with a mental disorder impeding choice to watch a sexual act	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 33	10 years
Inducement, threat or deception to procure sexual activity with a person with a mental disorder	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 34	14 years
Inducing person with mental disorder to engage in sexual activity	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 35	14 years
Engaging in sexual activity in the presence, procured by inducement, threat or deception, of a person with a mental disorder	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 36	10 years
Causing a person with a mental disorder to watch a sexual act by inducement, threat or deception	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 37	10 years

Care workers: sexual activity with a person with a mental disorder	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 38	10 years
Care workers: inciting person with mental disorder to engage in sexual act	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 39	10 years
Paying for sexual services - penetration - of a child under 13	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 47	Life
Paying for sexual services - penetration - of a child under 16	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 47	14 years
Causing or inciting child prostitution or pornography	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 48	14 years
Controlling a child prostitute	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 49	14 years
Facilitating child prostitution	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 50	14 years
Trafficking into UK for sexual exploitation	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 57	14 years
Trafficking within UK for sexual exploitation	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 58	14 years
Trafficking out of UK for sexual exploitation	Sexual Offences Act 2003 s. 59	14 years

- When passing a sentence of life imprisonment, the judge should make clear what the determinate sentence would have been, and then fix the specified period.
- The specified period of a life sentence should range from between one-half to two-thirds of the determinate term. The time that the offender has spent in remand should be deducted from the specified period.
- One-half should be the normal proportion, less time spent in custody. But in some cases, more than one-half will be appropriate.
- If a judge specifies a higher proportion than one-half, he or she should state the reasons for doing so.
- A 'whole life' minimum term sentence can be imposed for the most dangerous offenders, meaning there is no minimum period which can properly be set in that case.
- A life sentence average tariff is 14years equivalent to a 28yr sentence. However, depending on the age of the offender and mitigating circumstances it can be half that.
- A 30yr minimum tariff is usually specified for serious offenders usually involving multiple murders .
- Following their release, life sentence prisoners remain 'on licence' for the rest of their lives. This means that they are subject to supervision by the Probation Service, and may be recalled to custody at any time if the terms of the licence are breached.