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There's no fixed timeframe, a DBS check can show any unspent conviction, and Standard/Enhanced checks can show spent convictions regardless of age (unless filtered under the DBS filtering rules). Some serious offences remain visible indefinitely.