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The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 allows most criminal convictions to become 'spent' after a rehabilitation period. Once spent, the individual is no longer legally required to declare the conviction for most purposes though exemptions apply for certain sensitive roles.