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## **When does a conviction become spent?**

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The rehabilitation period depends on the sentence. A fine becomes spent after 1 year for adults. A community order becomes spent 12 months after it ends. Custodial sentences of up to 1 year become spent 4 years after completion. Sentences over 4 years are never spent.