

Annex I

Table 1: Number of adult offenders sentenced for offences under the Firearms Act 1968, all courts, 2007-2017

Guideline group	Legislation	Section	Offence	Number of adult offenders sentenced										
				2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Group 1 (Maximum: 10 years)	Firearms Act 1968	5(1)(a)-(af), (c) 5(1A)(a)	Minimum term applies Possess/purchase/acquire a prohibited weapon (automatic)/ ammunition/ smooth-bore revolver/ rocket launcher/ mortar/ pump action rifle	249	340	360	308	207	172	206	253	364	463	402
			5(1A)(a) Possess/ purchase disguised firearm											
		Minimum term does not apply 5(1)(b) 5(1A)(b)-(g)	Possess/ purchase a weapon for the discharge of a noxious liquid / gas / electrical incapacitation device / thing Possess/ purchase/ sell or transfer military equipment	835	889	896	840	771	634	581	485	469	482	358
TOTAL SECTION 5 OFFENCES				1,084	1,229	1,256	1,148	978	806	787	738	833	945	760
Group 2 (Maximum: 5 years, or 7 years for 1(1) aggravated)	Firearms Act 1968	1(1)	Possess a firearm/ammunition without a certificate ¹	-	-	-	-	163	139	128	126	101	128	97
			Possess a shortened shotgun without a certificate; possess a thing converted into a firearm (aggravated form) ¹	-	-	-	-	13	13	6	15	8	6	14
			2(1) Possess shotgun without a certificate	51	55	39	54	38	35	30	37	36	31	41
			TOTAL 1(1) & 2(1) OFFENCES	246	240	230	251	216	194	164	178	145	168	152
Group 3 (Maximum: 5 years)	Firearms Act 1968	21(1) & (4) 21(2) & (4) & Sch 6	Possess a firearm/ shotgun/ air weapon/ ammunition when prohibited for life/ five years	102	89	111	95	89	74	62	53	49	60	48
			TOTAL SECTION 19 OFFENCES	486	395	388	335	259	232	210	207	216	195	203
Group 4 (Maximum: 7 years, or 12 months for imitation)	Firearms Act 1968	19	Possess loaded/unloaded firearm and suitable ammunition in public place	96	53	31	23	21	12	16	10	14	12	7
			Possess a loaded shotgun in a public place	24	21	11	7	3	6	4	2	1	2	2
			Possess a loaded / unloaded air weapon in a public place	366	274	250	221	151	127	101	92	103	69	74
			Possess an imitation firearm in a public place	0	47	96	84	84	87	89	103	98	112	120
TOTAL SECTION 19 OFFENCES				486	395	388	335	259	232	210	207	216	195	203
Group 5 (Maximum: Life)	Firearms Act 1968	16	Possess a firearm/ ammunition/ shotgun/ air weapon with intent to endanger life / enable another to do so	47	63	53	48	69	64	70	44	54	53	77
Group 6 (Maximum: 10 years)	Firearms Act 1968	16A	Possess a firearm with intent to cause fear of violence ¹	-	-	-	-	101	81	82	74	77	98	74
			Possess an imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence ¹	-	-	-	-	146	139	138	145	162	180	187
			TOTAL SECTION 16A OFFENCES	299	327	257	274	250	230	221	221	241	280	261
Group 7 (Maximum: Life)	Firearms Act 1968	17(1), 17(2), 18(1)	Possess a firearm with intent to resist arrest/ commit a Schedule 1 offence/ commit an indictable offence ¹	-	-	-	-	18	15	13	10	7	11	5
			Possess an imitation firearm with intent to resist arrest/ commit a Schedule 1 offence/ commit an indictable offence ¹	-	-	-	-	34	17	20	28	17	20	27
			TOTAL SECTION 17(1), 17(2), 18(1) OFFENCES	96	81	73	50	52	34	33	38	24	31	33
Group 8 (Maximum: Life)	Firearms Act 1968	5(2A)(a) 5(2A)(b) 5(2A)(c) 5(2A)(d)	Manufacture weapon / ammunition specified in section 5(1) of the Firearms Act 1968 ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	4	0
			Sell / transfer prohibited weapon / ammunition ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	10	19
			Possess prohibited weapon / ammunition for sale / transfer ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	4	5
			Purchase / acquire prohibited weapon / ammunition for sale / transfer ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	1
			TOTAL SECTION 5(2A) OFFENCES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	18	25

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Notes

1) Data for these specific offences not available prior to 2011

2) These offences came into force on 14 July 2014. Cases in 2016 may have been sentenced prior to the Stephenson judgment

Table 2: Sentence outcomes for adult offenders sentenced for offences under the Firearms Act 1968, 2017

Guideline group	Section	Offence	Absolute Discharge	Conditional Discharge	Fine	Community Order	Suspended Sentence	Immediate Custody	Otherwise dealt with ¹	Total
Group 1 (Maximum: 10 years)	Minimum term applies 5(1)(a)-(af), (c)	Possess/purchase/acquire a prohibited weapon (automatic)/ ammunition/ smooth-bore revolver/ rocket launcher/ mortar/ pump action rifle	0	0	1	5	46	348	2	402
	5(1A)(a)	Possess/ purchase disguised firearm								
	Minimum term does not apply 5(1)(b)	Possess/ purchase a weapon for the discharge of a noxious liquid / gas / electrical incapacitation device / thing	1	30	47	96	99	78	7	358
	5(1A)(b)-(g)	Possess/ purchase/ sell or transfer military equipment								
		TOTAL SECTION 5 OFFENCES	1	30	48	101	145	426	9	760
Group 2 (Maximum: 5 years, or 7 years for 1(1) aggravated)	1(1)	Possess a firearm/ammunition without a certificate	2	11	12	5	27	39	1	97
		Possess a shortened shotgun without a certificate; possess a thing converted into a firearm (aggravated form)	0	0	0	0	2	12	0	14
	2(1)	Possess shotgun without a certificate	0	8	9	1	9	13	1	41
		TOTAL 1(1) & 2(1)	2	19	21	6	38	64	2	152
Group 3 (Maximum: 5 years)	21	Possess a firearm when prohibited for life / five years due to previous conviction	0	4	6	5	9	24	0	48
Group 4 (Maximum: 7 years, or 12 months for imitation)	19	Possess loaded/unloaded firearm and suitable ammunition/shotgun/ airweapon/ imitation firearm in public place	0	10	25	75	48	43	2	203
Group 5 (Maximum: Life)	16	Possess a firearm/ ammunition/ shotgun/ air weapon with intent to endanger life / enable another to do so	0	0	0	0	0	72	5	77
		Possess a firearm with intent to cause fear of violence	0	0	0	1	12	59	2	74
Group 6 (Maximum: 10 years)	16A	Possess an imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence	0	1	0	8	49	125	4	187
		TOTAL SECTION 16A OFFENCES	0	1	0	9	61	184	6	261
Group 7 (Maximum: Life)		Possess a firearm with intent to resist arrest/ commit a Schedule 1 offence/ commit an indictable offence	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	5
	17(1), 17(2), 18(1)	Possess an imitation firearm with intent to resist arrest/ commit a Schedule 1 offence/ commit an indictable offence	0	0	0	1	2	24	0	27
		TOTAL SECTION 17(1), 17(2), 18(1) OFFENCES	0	0	0	1	2	29	1	33
Group 8 (Maximum: Life)	5(2A)(a)	Manufacture weapon / ammunition specified in section 5(1) of the Firearms Act 1968 ²	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
	5(2A)(b)-(d)	Sell / transfer prohibited weapon / ammunition, Possess/purchase/acquire prohibited weapon / ammunition for sale / transfer	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	25

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Guideline group	Section	Offence	Absolute Discharge	Conditional Discharge	Fine	Community Order	Suspended Sentence	Immediate Custody	Otherwise dealt with ¹	Total
Group 1 (Maximum: 10 years)	Minimum term applies	Possess/purchase/acquire a prohibited weapon (automatic)/ ammunition/ smooth-bore revolver/ rocket launcher/ mortar/ pump action rifle	0%	0%	<0.5%	1%	11%	87%	<0.5%	100%
	5(1)(a)-(af), (c)	Possess/ purchase disguised firearm								
	5(1A)(a)	Minimum term does not apply								
	5(1)(b)	Possess/ purchase a weapon for the discharge of a noxious liquid / gas / electrical incapacitation device / thing	<0.5%	8%	13%	27%	28%	22%	2%	100%
	5(1A)(b)-(g)	Possess/ purchase/ sell or transfer military equipment								
		TOTAL SECTION 5 OFFENCES	<0.5%	4%	6%	13%	19%	56%	1%	100%
Group 2 (Maximum: 5 years, or 7 years for 1(1) aggravated)	1(1)	Possess a firearm/ammunition without a certificate	2%	11%	12%	5%	28%	40%	1%	100%
		Possess a shortened shotgun without a certificate; possess a thing converted into a firearm (aggravated form)	0%	0%	0%	0%	14%	86%	0%	100%
	2(1)	Possess shotgun without a certificate	0%	20%	22%	2%	22%	32%	2%	100%
		TOTAL 1(1) & 2(1)	1%	13%	14%	4%	25%	42%	1%	100%
Group 3 (Maximum: 5 years)	21	Possess a firearm when prohibited for life / five years due to previous conviction	0%	8%	13%	10%	19%	50%	0%	100%
Group 4 (Maximum: 7 years, or 12 months for imitation firearms)	19	Possess loaded/unloaded firearm and suitable ammunition/shotgun/ airweapon/ imitation firearm in public place	0%	5%	12%	37%	24%	21%	1%	100%
Group 5 (Maximum: Life)	16	Possess a firearm/ ammunition/ shotgun/ air weapon with intent to endanger life / enable another to do so	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	94%	6%	100%
		Possess a firearm with intent to cause fear of violence	0%	0%	0%	1%	16%	80%	3%	100%
Group 6 (Maximum: 10 years)	16A	Possess an imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence	0%	1%	0%	4%	26%	67%	2%	100%
		TOTAL SECTION 16A OFFENCES	0%	<0.5%	0%	3%	23%	70%	2%	100%
Group 7 (Maximum: Life)		Possess a firearm with intent to resist arrest/ commit a Schedule 1 offence/ commit an indictable offence	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	80%	20%	100%
	17(1), 17(2), 18(1)	Possess an imitation firearm with intent to resist arrest/ commit a Schedule 1 offence/ commit an indictable offence	0%	0%	0%	4%	7%	89%	0%	100%
		TOTAL SECTION 17(1), 17(2), 18(1) OFFENCES	0%	0%	0%	3%	6%	88%	3%	100%
Group 8 (Maximum: Life)	5(2A)(a)	Manufacture weapon / ammunition specified in section 5(1) of the Firearms Act 1968 ²	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	100%
	5(2A)(b)-(d)	Sell / transfer prohibited weapon / ammunition, Possess/purchase/acquire prohibited weapon / ammunition for sale / transfer	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	100%

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Notes

1) Includes a number of orders, for example hospital orders, confiscation orders and compensation orders.

2) Data shown for this offence relates to 2016 (as no offenders were sentenced in 2017), and may therefore include cases sentenced prior to the Stephenson judgment.

Table 3: Estimated average custodial sentence lengths (pre guilty plea) for adult offenders sentenced to immediate custody, and sentence ranges for offences under the Firearms Act 1968, 2017

Guideline group	Section	Offence	Mean sentence length ^{1,3}	Median sentence length ^{2,3}	Sentence range (using estimated pre GP sentence lengths)
Group 1 (Maximum: 10 years)	Minimum term applies 5(1)(a)-(af), (c) 5(1A)(a)	Possess/purchase/acquire a prohibited weapon (automatic)/ ammunition/ smooth-bore revolver/ rocket launcher/ mortar/ pump action rifle	6 years 6 months	7 years 6 months	Fine - 10 years' custody
		Possess/ purchase disguised firearm			
	Minimum term does not apply 5(1)(b) 5(1A)(b)-(g)	Possess/ purchase a weapon for the discharge of a noxious liquid / gas / electrical incapacitation device / thing	1 year 7 months	1 year 1 month	Discharge - 8 year's custody
		Possess/ purchase/ sell or transfer military equipment			
		TOTAL SECTION 5 OFFENCES	5 years 7 months	6 years 5 months	Discharge - 10 year's custody
Group 2 (Maximum: 5 years, or 7 years for 1(1) aggravated)	1(1)	Possess a firearm/ammunition without a certificate	3 years 1 month	3 years	Discharge - 5 years' custody
		Possess a shortened shotgun without a certificate; possess a thing converted into a firearm (aggravated form) ⁶	2 years 5 months	1 year 11 months	SSO - 4 years' custody
	2(1)	Possess shotgun without a certificate ⁶	2 years 10 months	2 years 3 months	Discharge - 5 years' custody
		TOTAL 1(1) & 2(1)	2 years 11 months	3 years	Discharge - 5 years' custody
Group 3 (Maximum: 5 years)	21	Possess a firearm when prohibited for life / five years due to previous conviction	1 year 8 months	1 year 3 months	Discharge - 4.5 years' custody
Group 4 (Maximum: 7 years, or 12 months for imitation)	19	Possess loaded/unloaded firearm and suitable ammunition/shotgun/ airweapon/ imitation firearm in public place	10 months	6 months	Discharge - 4.5 years' custody
Group 5 (Maximum: Life)	16	Possess a firearm/ ammunition/ shotgun/ air weapon with intent to endanger life / enable another to do so	12 years 5 months	12 years	1 year 8 months - 27 years' custody (and indeterminate)
Group 6 (Maximum: 10 years)	16A	Possess a firearm with intent to cause fear of violence	4 years 10 months	5 years	CO - 10 years' custody
		Possess an imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence	2 years 8 months	2 years 3 months	Discharge - 9 years 9 months' custody
		TOTAL SECTION 16A OFFENCES	3 years 4 months	2 years 6 months	Discharge - 10 years' custody
Group 7 (Maximum: Life)	17(1), 17(2), 18(1)	Possess a firearm with intent to resist arrest/ commit a Schedule 1 offence/ commit an indictable offence ⁴	13 years 11 months	12 years	7 years 6 months - 24 years' custody
		Possess an imitation firearm with intent to resist arrest/ commit a Schedule 1 offence/ commit an indictable offence	5 years 11 months	6 years	CO - 12 years' custody
		TOTAL SECTION 17(1), 17(2), 18(1) OFFENCES	7 years 4 months	7 years	CO - 24 years' custody
Group 8 (Maximum: Life)	5(2A)(a)	Manufacture weapon / ammunition specified in section 5(1) of the Firearms Act 1968 ^{5,6}	17 years 9 months	20 years 3 months	8 years - 22 years 6 months' custody
	5(2A)(b)-(d)	Sell / transfer prohibited weapon / ammunition, Possess/purchase/acquire prohibited weapon / ammunition for sale / transfer	12 years	9 years	5 years 7 months - 26 years 6 months' custody

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Notes

- 1) The mean is calculated by taking the sum of all values and then dividing by the number of values
- 2) The median is the value which lies in the middle of a set of numbers when those numbers are placed in ascending or descending order.
- 3) Excludes life and indeterminate sentences.
- 4) These figures should be treated with caution, due to the low number of offenders sentenced for this offence involving a firearm
- 5) The ACSLs and ranges shown for this offence relate to 2016 (as no offenders were sentenced in 2017), and may therefore include cases sentenced prior to the Stephenson judgment
- 6) These figures should be treated with caution, due to the low number of offenders sentenced for this offence.

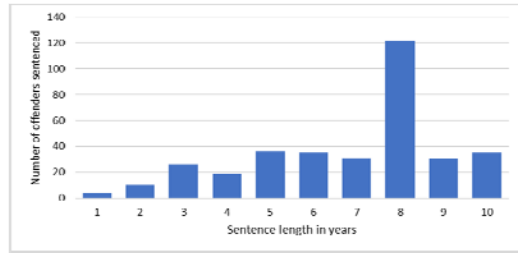
Figure 1: Estimated distribution of custodial sentence lengths for adult offenders sentenced to immediate custody for offences under the Firearms Act 1968, before any reduction for guilty plea, 2017

Note: Sentence length intervals include the upper bound sentence length. For example, the category "1" includes sentence lengths less than, and equal to, 1 year, and "2" includes sentence lengths over 1 year, and up to and including 2 years.

Group 1 (Maximum: 10 years)

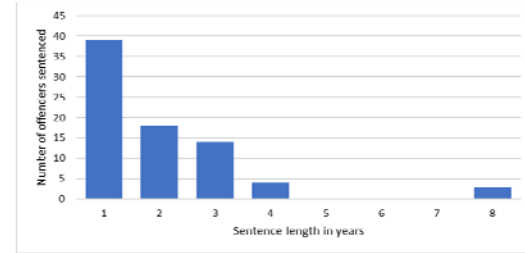
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Sections 5(1)(a)-(af),(c) & 5(1A)(a) combined, 2017



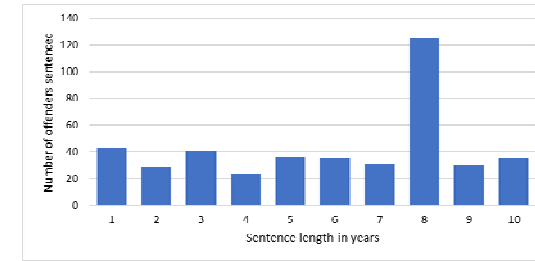
Minimum term does not apply

Sections 5(1)(b) & 5(1A)(b)-(g) combined, 2017



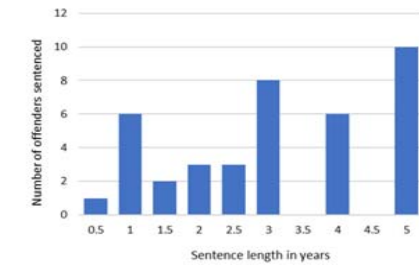
All Group 1 offences

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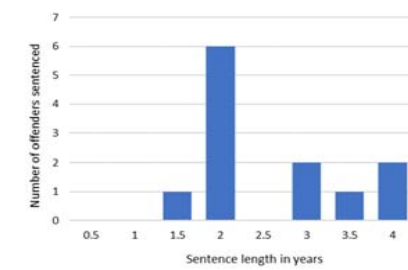


Group 2 (Maximum: 5 years, or 7 years for 1(1) aggravated)

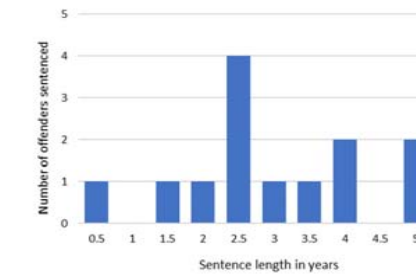
Section 1(1) - Possess a firearm/ammunition without a certificate, 2017



Section 1(1) - Possess a shortened shotgun without a certificate; possess a thing converted into a firearm (aggravated form), 2017

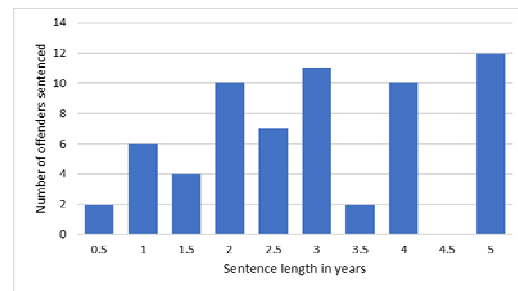


Section 2(1) - Possess shotgun without a certificate, 2017



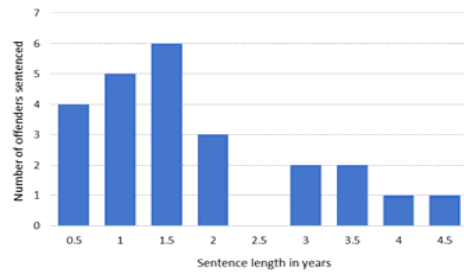
All Group 2 offences

Sections 1(1) & 2(1) combined - Possess a firearm/ ammunition/ shortened shotgun/ shotgun without a certificate, 2017



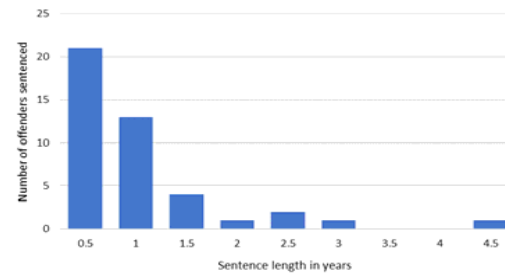
Group 3 (Maximum: 5 years)

Section 21 - Possess a firearm when prohibited for life / five years due to previous conviction, 2017



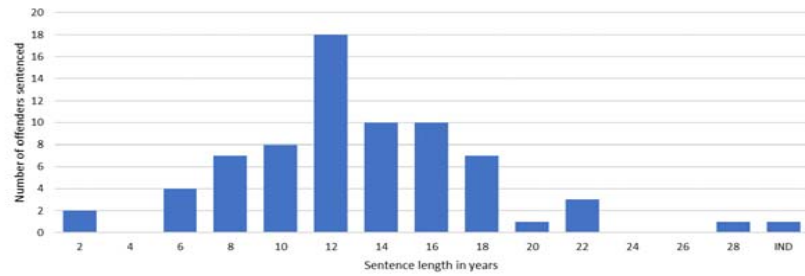
Group 4 (Maximum: 7 years, or 12 months for imitation)

Section 19 - Possess loaded/unloaded firearm and suitable ammunition/shotgun/airweapon/ imitation firearm in public place, 2017



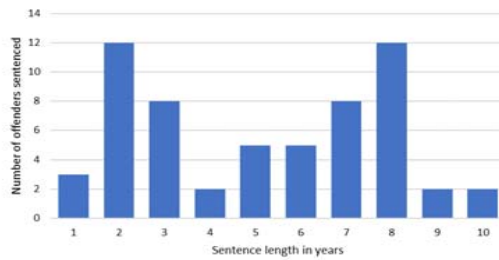
Group 5 (Maximum: Life)

Section 16 (all) - Possess a firearm/ ammunition/ shotgun/ air weapon with intent to endanger life / enable another to do so, 2017

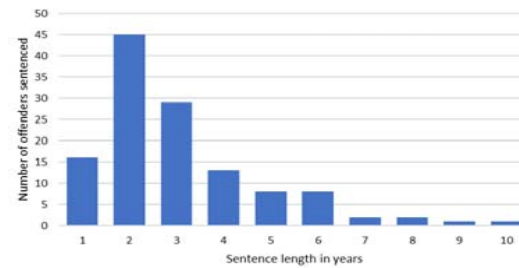


Group 6 (Maximum: 10 years)

Section 16A - Possess a firearm with intent to cause fear of violence, 2017

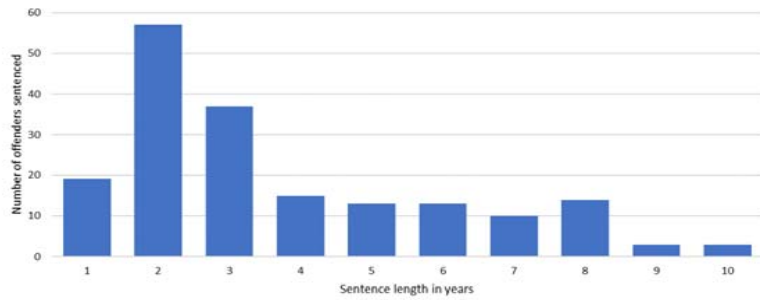


Section 16A - Possess an imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence, 2017



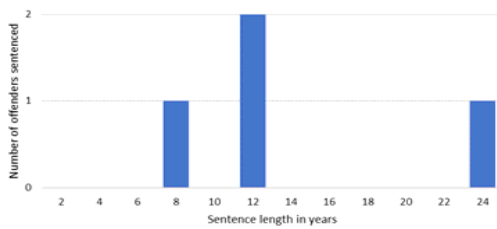
All Group 6 offences

Section 16A - Possess a firearm/ imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence, 2017

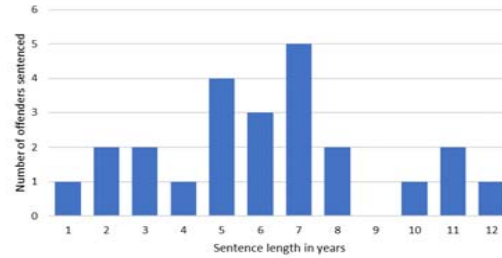


Group 7 (Maximum: Life)

Sections 17(1), 17(2), 18(1) - Possess a firearm with intent to resist arrest/ commit a Schedule 1 offence/ commit an indictable offence, 2017

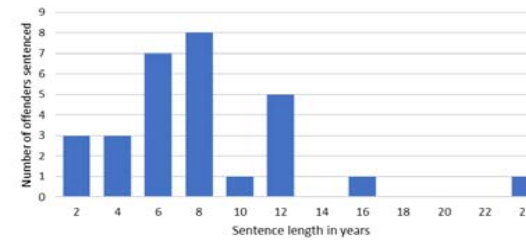


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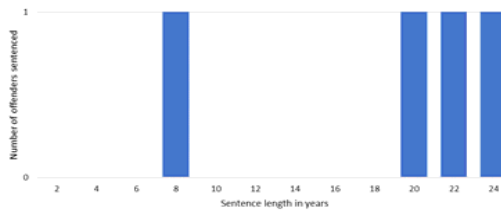
All Group 7 offences

Sections 17(1), 17(2), 18(1) - Possess a firearm/ imitation firearm with intent to resist arrest/ commit a Schedule 1 offence/ commit an indictable offence, 2017

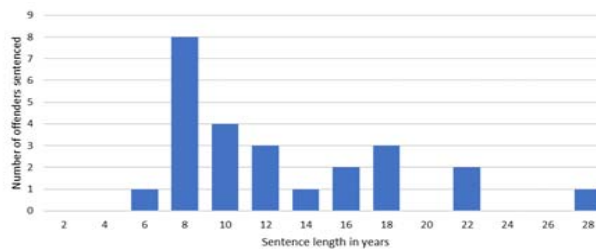


Group 8 (Maximum: Life)

Section 5(2A)(a) offences - Manufacture weapon / ammunition specified in section 5(1) of the Firearms Act 1968, 2016¹



Section 5(2A)(b)-(d) offences - Sell / transfer prohibited weapon / ammunition, Possess/purchase/acquire prohibited weapon / ammunition for sale / transfer, 2017¹



Note:

1) The data shown for this offence relates to 2016 (as no offenders were sentenced in 2017), and may therefore include cases sentenced prior to the Stephenson judgment.

Note:

1) Separate sentence length breakdowns for section 5(2A)(b)-(d) offences have not been shown due to low volumes.

Table 4: Distribution of estimated custodial sentence lengths for adult offenders sentenced to immediate custody for offences under the Firearms Act 1968, before any reduction for guilty plea, 2017

Note: Sentence length intervals include the upper bound sentence length. For example, the category "1" includes sentence lengths less than, and equal to, 1 year, and "2" includes sentence lengths over 1 year, and up to and including 2 years.

Group 1 (Maximum: 10 years)**Minimum term applies**

Sections 5(1)(a)-(af),(c) & 5(1A)(a) combined, 2017

Sentence length in years	Number of offenders sentenced	Proportion of offenders sentenced
1	4	1%
2	10	3%
3	26	7%
4	19	5%
5	36	10%
6	35	10%
7	31	9%
8	122	35%
9	30	9%
10	35	10%
Total	348	100%

Minimum term does not apply

Sections 5(1)(b) & 5(1A)(b)-(g) combined, 2017

Sentence length in years	Number of offenders sentenced	Proportion of offenders sentenced
1	39	50%
2	18	23%
3	14	18%
4	4	5%
5	0	0%
6	0	0%
7	0	0%
8	3	4%
Total	78	100%

All Group 1 offences

Sections 5(1)(a)-(af),(c), 5(1A)(a), 5(1)(b) & 5(1A)(b)-(g) combined, 2017

Sentence length in years	Number of offenders sentenced	Proportion of offenders sentenced
1	43	10%
2	28	7%
3	40	9%
4	23	5%
5	36	8%
6	35	8%
7	31	7%
8	125	29%
9	30	7%
10	35	8%
Total	426	100%

Group 2 (Maximum: 5 years, or 7 years for 1(1) aggravated)

Section 1(1) - Possess a firearm/ammunition without a certificate, 2017

Sentence length in years	Number of offenders sentenced	Proportion of offenders sentenced
0.5	1	3%
1	6	15%
1.5	2	5%
2	3	8%
2.5	3	8%
3	8	21%
3.5	0	0%
4	6	15%
4.5	0	0%
5	10	26%
Total	39	100%

Section 1(1) - Possess a shortened shotgun without a certificate; possess a thing converted into a firearm (aggravated form), 2017

Sentence length in years	Number of offenders sentenced	Proportion of offenders sentenced
0.5	0	0%
1	0	0%
1.5	1	8%
2	6	50%
2.5	0	0%
3	2	17%
3.5	1	8%
4	2	17%
4.5	0	0%
5	0	0%
Total	12	100%

Section 2(1) - Possess shotgun without a certificate, 2017

Sentence length in years	Number of offenders sentenced	Proportion of offenders sentenced
0.5	1	8%
1	0	0%
1.5	1	8%
2	1	8%
2.5	4	31%
3	1	8%
3.5	1	8%
4	2	15%
4.5	0	0%
5	2	15%
Total	13	100%

All Group 2 offences

Sections 1(1) & 2(1) combined - Possess a firearm/ ammunition/ shortened shotgun/ shotgun without a certificate, 2017

Sentence length in years	Number of offenders sentenced	Proportion of offenders sentenced
0.5	2	3%
1	6	9%
1.5	4	6%
2	10	16%
2.5	7	11%
3	11	17%
3.5	2	3%
4	10	16%
4.5	0	0%
5	12	19%
Total	64	100%

Group 3 (Maximum: 5 years)

Section 21 - Possess a firearm when prohibited for life / five years due to previous conviction, 2017

Sentence length in years	Number of offenders sentenced	Proportion of offenders sentenced
0.5	4	17%
1	5	21%
1.5	6	25%
2	3	13%
2.5	0	0%
3	2	8%
3.5	2	8%
4	1	4%
4.5	1	4%
5	0	0%
Total	24	100%

Group 4 (Maximum: 7 years, or 12 months for imitation)

Section 19 - Possess loaded/unloaded firearm and suitable ammunition/shotgun/ airweapon/ imitation firearm in public place, 2017

Sentence length in years	Number of offenders sentenced	Proportion of offenders sentenced
0.5	21	49%
1	13	30%
1.5	4	9%
2	1	2%
2.5	2	5%
3	1	2%
3.5	0	0%
4	0	0%
4.5	1	2%
5	0	0%
Total	43	100%

Group 5 (Maximum: Life)

Section 16 (all) - Possess a firearm/ ammunition/ shotgun/ air weapon with intent to endanger life / enable another to do so

Sentence length in years	Number of offenders sentenced	Proportion of offenders sentenced
2	2	3%
4	0	0%
6	4	6%
8	7	10%
10	8	11%
12	18	25%
14	10	14%
16	10	14%
18	7	10%
20	1	1%
22	3	4%
24	0	0%
26	0	0%
28	1	1%
Indeterminate	1	1%
Total	72	100%

Group 6 (Maximum: 10 years)

Section 16A - Possess a firearm with intent to cause fear of violence

Sentence length in years	Number of offenders sentenced	Proportion of offenders sentenced
1	3	5%
2	12	20%
3	8	14%
4	2	3%
5	5	8%
6	5	8%
7	8	14%
8	12	20%
9	2	3%
10	2	3%
Total	59	100%

Group 7 (Maximum: Life)

Sections 17(1), 17(2), 18(1) - Possess a firearm with intent to resist arrest/ commit a Schedule 1 offence/ commit an indictable offence

Sentence length in years	Number of offenders sentenced	Proportion of offenders sentenced
2	0	0%
4	0	0%
6	0	0%
8	1	25%
10	0	0%
12	2	50%
14	0	0%
16	0	0%
18	0	0%
20	0	0%
22	0	0%
24	1	25%
Total	4	100%

Section 16A - Possess an imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence

Sentence length in years	Number of offenders sentenced	Proportion of offenders sentenced
1	16	13%
2	45	36%
3	29	23%
4	13	10%
5	8	6%
6	8	6%
7	2	2%
8	2	2%
9	1	1%
10	1	1%
Total	125	100%

Sections 17(1), 17(2), 18(1) - Possess an imitation firearm with intent to resist arrest/ commit a Schedule 1 offence/ commit an indictable offence

Sentence length in years	Number of offenders sentenced	Proportion of offenders sentenced
1	1	4%
2	2	8%
3	2	8%
4	1	4%
5	4	17%
6	3	13%
7	5	21%
8	2	8%
9	0	0%
10	1	4%
11	2	8%
12	1	4%
Total	24	100%

All Group 6 offences

Section 16A - Possess a firearm/ imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence

Sentence length in years	Number of offenders sentenced	Proportion of offenders sentenced
1	19	10%
2	57	31%
3	37	20%
4	15	8%
5	13	7%
6	13	7%
7	10	5%
8	14	8%
9	3	2%
10	3	2%
Total	184	100%

All Group 7 offences

Sections 17(1), 17(2), 18(1) - Possess a firearm/ imitation firearm with intent to resist arrest/ commit a Schedule 1 offence/ commit an indictable offence

Sentence length in years	Number of offenders sentenced	Proportion of offenders sentenced
2	3	10%
4	3	10%
6	7	24%
8	8	28%
10	1	3%
12	5	17%
14	0	0%
16	1	3%
18	0	0%
20	0	0%
22	0	0%
24	1	3%
Total	29	100%

Group 8 (Maximum: Life)

Section 5(2A)(a) offences - Manufacture weapon / ammunition specified in section 5(1) of the Firearms Act 1968, 2016^{1,2}

Sentence length in years	Number of offenders sentenced	Proportion of offenders sentenced
2	0	0%
4	0	0%
6	0	0%
8	1	25%
10	0	0%
12	0	0%
14	0	0%
16	0	0%
18	0	0%
20	1	25%
22	1	25%
24	1	25%
Total	4	100%

Notes:

1) The data shown for this offence relates to 2016 (as no offenders were sentenced in 2017), and may therefore include cases sentenced prior to the Stephenson judgment.

2) These proportions should be treated with caution, due to the low number of offenders sentenced for this offence.

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Section 5(2A)(b)-(d) offences - Sell / transfer prohibited weapon / ammunition, Possess/purchase/acquire prohibited weapon / ammunition for sale / transfer, 2017

Sentence length in years	Number of offenders sentenced	Proportion of offenders sentenced
2	0	0%
4	0	0%
6	1	4%
8	8	32%
10	4	16%
12	3	12%
14	1	4%
16	2	8%
18	3	12%
20	0	0%
22	2	8%
24	0	0%
26	0	0%
28	1	4%
Total	25	100%

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