



Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022

2022 CHAPTER 32

PART 7

SENTENCING AND RELEASE

CHAPTER 1

CUSTODIAL SENTENCES

Life sentences: time to be served

127 Starting points for murder committed when under 18

In Schedule 21 to the Sentencing Code (minimum terms in mandatory life sentences), for paragraph 6 substitute—

- “5A (1) This paragraph applies if—
- (a) the offender was aged under 18 when the offence was committed, and
 - (b) the offender was convicted of the offence on or after the day on which section 127 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 came into force.
- (2) The appropriate starting point, in determining the minimum term, is the period given in the entry in column 2, 3 or 4 of the following table that corresponds to—
- (a) the age of the offender when the offence was committed, as set out in column 1, and
 - (b) the provision of this Schedule that would have supplied the appropriate starting point had the offender been aged 18 when the

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offence was committed, as set out in the headings to columns 2, 3 and 4.

<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Age of offender when offence committed</i>	<i>Starting point supplied by paragraph 3(1) had offender been 18</i>	<i>Starting point supplied by paragraph 4(1) had offender been 18</i>	<i>Starting point supplied by paragraph 5 had offender been 18</i>
<i>17</i>	27 years	23 years	14 years
<i>15 or 16</i>	20 years	17 years	10 years
<i>14 or under</i>	15 years	13 years	8 years

- 6 (1) This paragraph applies if—
- (a) the offender was aged under 18 when the offence was committed, and
 - (b) the offender was convicted of the offence before the day on which section 127 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 came into force.
- (2) The appropriate starting point, in determining the minimum term, is 12 years.”

Commencement Information

II S. 127 in force at 28.6.2022, see s. 208(5)(l)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Pt. 2 Ch. 3A inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 28](#)
- s. 44F inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 29](#)