

Draft Order laid before Parliament under section 87(6) of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012, for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament.

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**The Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of
Offenders Act 2012 (Amendment of Standard
Scale of Fines for Summary Offences) Order 2014**

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Coming into force in accordance with article 1

A draft of this Order has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament in accordance with section 87(6) of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012(1).

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 87(1) of that Act, makes the following Order.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (Amendment of Standard Scale of Fines for Summary Offences) Order 2014 and comes into force on the day after the day on which it is made.

Amendment of the standard scale of fines for summary offences

2. In section 37(2) of the Criminal Justice Act 1982(2) (standard scale of fines for summary offences)—

- (a) for £200 (the sum specified as level 1) substitute “£800”;
- (b) for £500 (the sum specified as level 2) substitute “£2,000”;
- (c) for £1,000 (the sum specified as level 3) substitute “£4,000”; and
- (d) for £2,500 (the sum specified as level 4) substitute “£10,000”.

(1) 2012 c.10.

(2) 1982 c. 48. Section 37(2) was amended by article 2(4) of, and Schedule 4 to, the Criminal Penalties etc. (Increase) Order 1984 (S.I. 1984/447) and substituted by section 17(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 (c. 53).

Signed by the authority of the Secretary of State

Date

Name
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Ministry of Justice

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends section 37(2) of the Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48), which sets out the standard scale of fines for summary offences. The amendments substitute, for the sums specified as levels 1 to 4 on the standard scale, sums which are in each case 400% of the previous sums. Level 1 therefore becomes £800; level 2 becomes £2,000; level 3 becomes £4,000; and level 4 becomes £10,000.

This Order does not affect fines for offences committed before it comes into force (by virtue of section 87(5) of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (c. 10) (“the Act”). See, in that regard, section 87(7). Nor does it affect level 5 on the standard scale, as to which provision is made by section 85(1) and (2) of the Act.