



Criminal Justice Act 1988

1988 CHAPTER 33

PART V

JURISDICTION, IMPRISONMENT, FINES, ETC.

Imprisonment

44 Firearms offences.

- (1) Part 1 of Schedule 6 to the ^{M1}Firearms Act 1968 (prosecution and punishment of offences) shall be amended as follows.
- (2) For the third and fourth columns of the entries relating to an offence under section 2(1) (possessing, etc. shotgun without shotgun certificate) there shall be substituted—

“(a) Summary.	6 months or the statutory maximum or both.
(b) On indictment.	3 years or a fine; or both.”

- (3) “Life imprisonment” shall be substituted for “14 years” in the fourth column of the entries relating to offences under—
 - (a) section 17(2) (possessing firearm or imitation firearm at time of committing or being arrested for certain offences); and
 - (b) section 18(1) (carrying firearm or imitation firearm with criminal intent).
- (4) Nothing in this section shall affect the punishment for an offence committed before this section comes into force.

Marginal Citations

M1 1968 c. 27.

Changes to legislation:

Criminal Justice Act 1988, Section 44 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 12 July 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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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):

- s. 36(2)(b)(v) and word inserted by [2019 c. 17 s. 13\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 36(3A)(3B) substituted for s. 36(3A) by [2008 c. 4 s. 46\(2\)](#)
- s. 41(4A) inserted by [2004 c. 28 Sch. 10 para. 28](#)
- s. 139AZA(1)(a)(iii) and word inserted by [2019 c. 17 s. 13\(4\)\(b\)](#)