



Sentencing Act 2020

2020 CHAPTER 17

THIRD GROUP OF PARTS Disposals

PART 7 **E+W**

FINANCIAL ORDERS AND ORDERS RELATING TO PROPERTY

CHAPTER 1 **E+W**

FINES

Magistrates' court

122 The standard scale of fines for summary offences **E+W**

- (1) The standard scale of fines for summary offences, which is known as “the standard scale”, as it has effect for Code offences, is as follows—

<i>Level on the scale</i>	<i>Amount of fine</i>	
	<i>Offence committed on or after 11 April 1983 and before 1 October 1992</i>	<i>Offence committed on or after 1 October 1992</i>
1	£25	£200
2	£50	£500
3	£200	£1,000
4	£500	£2,500
5	£1,000	£5,000.

- (2) In relation to a Code offence, a relevant reference to a particular level on the standard scale is to be read as referring to that level on the scale set out in the column of the

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table in subsection (1) that applies to offences committed on the date on which the offence was committed.

(3) In relation to—

- (a) a relevant reference in an enactment or instrument passed or made before 12 March 2015 to level 5 on the standard scale, and
- (b) an offence committed on or after that date,

subsection (2) is subject to section 85 of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (removal of limit on certain fines on conviction by magistrates' court).

(4) A reference to a level on the standard scale in an enactment or instrument made under an enactment (whenever passed or made) is a “relevant reference” to that level if—

- (a) the enactment or instrument provides that a person convicted of a summary offence is liable on conviction to a fine or maximum fine by reference to that level, or
- (b) it is a reference in an enactment which confers power by subordinate instrument to make a person liable on conviction of a summary offence (whether or not created by the instrument) to a fine or maximum fine by reference to that level.

In this section, “Code offence” is an offence of which the offender is convicted after the Code comes into force.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 122 extended (N.I.) by 1956 c. 74, s. 21(7C) (as inserted (1.12.2020) by [Sentencing Act 2020](#) (c. 17), s. 416(1), [Sch. 24 para. 8](#) (with [Sch. 24 para. 447](#), [Sch. 27](#)); [S.I. 2020/1236](#), [reg. 2](#))

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I1 S. 122 in force at 1.12.2020 by [S.I. 2020/1236](#), [reg. 2](#)

123 Limit on fines imposed by magistrates' courts in respect of young offenders E
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(1) This section applies where an offender—

- (a) was convicted by a magistrates' court,
- (b) was under 18 when convicted, and
- (c) is before that court to be sentenced.

(2) The court may not impose a fine of more than—

- (a) £250, if the offender was under 14 when convicted, or
- (b) £1,000, if the offender was 14 or over when convicted.

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