

Firearms Act 1968, Section 21

Section 21 prohibits the possession of a firearm or ammunition (under any circumstances) by a person who has been convicted of a crime and sentenced to a term of imprisonment (or its equivalent for young offenders) of 3 months or more. This also applies to a person who has received a suspended sentence given after 14 July 2014 of 3 months or more.

The prohibition applies in all circumstances, including handling and firing at an approved club or at a clay pigeon shoot where a certificate is not normally required. It also applies to the possession or use of other categories of firearms and ammunition such as AIRGUNS for which a certificate is not required.

A sentence of 3 years or more attracts a lifetime ban. A sentence between 3 months and 3 years attracts a 5 year ban from the date of release. A suspended sentence of 3 months or more attracts a 5 year ban from the second day after sentence.