

# Youth Justice Sentence Orders

After you go to court, a judge may give you a sentence.

You will get a sentence if:



you say you are guilty of an offence. This means, you said you did it.



court finds you guilty of an offence.

Every person's case is different.

All courts follow a set of rules when they sentence people.



They want to keep the community safe



They want you and your family to understand what is happening in court.



You can ask them questions.

The judge will think about



the person's age



how grown up they are. This is called maturity.



cultural background

## Unsupervised Sentences

### Reprimand

A reprimand is a warning.

The judge gives you a reprimand if:



- You say you are guilty of an offence
- Court finds you guilty

### Good behaviour order

The judge may give you a good behaviour order.



You must **not** break the law for up to 1 year.



If you break the law, the court may give you a different punishment.

### Fine



A fine is when the court tells you to pay them money.



The judge will tell you when you need to pay the money by.

# Supervised Sentences

## Probation

A probation order



- is a court order from the judge after you went to court for your offence



It means a youth justice officer (or YJ officer) will supervise you during this order.



You must **not** break the law.

You need to follow the rules.

## Community service order



Unpaid work

The court tells you how many hours you need to do.



Helps your community



The YJ officer will organise this work.



The work supervisor will count how many hours you did.

They will tell your YJ officer.

## Graffiti removal order



Unpaid work to remove graffiti

**12+ years old and older**



Are guilty of doing graffiti. You said you did graffiti, or the court said you did graffiti.



You can fix the damage you did.



The court and YJ officer will tell you how many hours you need to do.



The YJ officer will organise this work.

## Intensive supervision order



It is for young people who have been on other orders and may next go to detention.

For **10, 11 or 12** years old at the time the court decides your sentence.



You can still live with your family.



YJ officers will help you do a program.

This program may help you with

- **not** offending



- your health



- school and family



- good things you want to do with your life.

## Conditional release order

A judge gives you this if:



you say you are guilty



the judge finds you guilty



you have been sentenced to go to youth detention.



But the judge wants you to do this order **first** so you do **not** go to detention.

If you **cannot** finish this order, you may go to detention.



You can still live with your family.

**You must do a program for up to 3 months.**



A YJ officer will supervise you.

### What happens?



1. Before you get this order, the judge must tell a YJ officer to write a report about you.



2. You meet with the YJ officer. They will talk to you more about what you can do in your program.



3. You go back to court. The judge will give you a conditional release order.

The program may have activities about



school or TAFE



getting a job



good things you want to do in your life



how you can stop offending in a positive way.



If you break the rules, you may go back to court.

The court will decide if you go to detention or not.

## Restorative Justice Order



You go to a meeting with the victim and other people affected by the offence.

You talk about how you can fix the harm.



You can bring a support person.



It means a YJ convenor will facilitate you during this order.



If you do **not** attend the conference, you will go back to court.

The judge may give you a different sentence.

## Other Sentences

### Detention order

A judge may send you to detention if:



- you say you are guilty of an offence



- court finds you guilty

You may be in detention for **up to 1 year**.

A **higher court** may send you to detention **for more than 1 year**. This depends on the offence.



You may spend **half to most of your order in detention** (50-70%). Then you will do the rest in community.



### What if I turn 18 in detention?



You may go to an adult prison if:

1. You turn 18  
**AND**  
You have **6+ months in custody left** in your order.  
Your caseworker will talk to you.
2. You are **18 or older** when the judge says you go to detention.  
The court officer will talk to you.

### Restitution and compensation



A court may tell you to pay money.



This will help fix the broken property or the victim's injury.



The judge asks you when you can finish paying the money.

### Licence disqualification



A court can stop you getting a drivers licence for some time.

### Drug assessment and education

A judge gives you this if:



you say you are guilty of an offence with drugs



court finds you guilty of an offence with drugs



The judge will tell you to talk to someone about drug use.



If you do **not** attend, you may go back to court. The judge may give you a different sentence.

## Who do I talk to in YJ?



**Ask for the Intake Officer.**

You must report **1 day** after court.



**Where** \_\_\_\_\_



**Phone (07)** \_\_\_\_\_



**Email** \_\_\_\_\_



**Time** \_\_\_\_\_

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