



Ministry
of Justice

Disclosing your criminal record

Telling an employer about your conviction depends on whether it's spent or unspent.

Most youth convictions become spent after a rehabilitation period, which is based on the sentence you received.



Sentence	Rehabilitation period
Youth rehabilitation order/ Referral order	Length of the order
Under 1 year's custody	6 months
1 to 4 years' custody	2 years
Over 4 years' custody*	3.5 years

*Excluding violent, sexual and terrorist offences

**To find out more, speak to your youth justice worker
or your resettlement practitioner.**