

Criminal Law – Types of Offences

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Summary, Indictable & Hybrid Offences



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Summary Offence

Although all criminal offences should be taken very seriously, summary offences are the least serious amongst the three types of offences in the *Criminal Code*. A straight summary offence is referenced in s.787(1) of the *Code* which sets out a general penalty for summary offences:

Unless otherwise provided by law, every person who is convicted of an offence punishable on summary conviction is liable to a fine of not more than \$5,000 or to a term of imprisonment of not more than two years less a day, or to both.





Indictable Offence

Indictable offences are the most serious offences in the *Criminal Code,* which involve a sentence of imprisonment upon conviction. Where there is no specified penalty provision in the *Criminal Code* for an offence, the maximum imprisonment is 5 years.

Hybrid Offence

Hybrid offences, also known as Crown-elect offences, where the Crown has the choice to elect either summarily or by way of indictment. All hybrid offences has a specific penalty that sets out the maximum penalty, if the Crown were to elect by indictment. For some offences, the minimum penalty may also be specified.

Note: Paralegals can only assist with Summary offences

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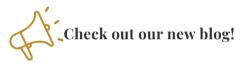




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