



# Custodial Sentences and Weapons (Scotland) Act 2007

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## PART 2

### CONFINEMENT AND RELEASE OF PRISONERS

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###### *Life prisoners*

#### [<sup>F1</sup>20A Assessment under section 20(5)(a) and (b)

- (1) The part mentioned in subsection (5)(b) of section 20 in relation to the period mentioned in subsection (5)(a) of that section is—
  - (a) one-half of that period, or
  - (b) if subsection (2) applies, such greater proportion of that period as the court specifies.
- (2) This subsection applies if, taking into account in particular the matters mentioned in subsection (5), the court considers that it would be appropriate to specify as that part a greater proportion of that period.
- (3) In subsections (1)(b) and (2), the references to a greater proportion extend so as to include the whole of that period.
- (4) In subsections (1) to (3), the references to the period mentioned in subsection (5)(a) of section 20 are to that period as informed by subsection (5A)(a) of that section.
- (5) For the purpose of subsection (2), the matters are (continuing to ignore any period of confinement which may be necessary for the protection of the public)—
  - (a) the seriousness of the offence, or of the offence combined with other offences of which the prisoner is convicted on the same indictment as that offence,

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- (b) where the offence was committed when the prisoner was serving a period of imprisonment for another offence, that fact, and
- (c) any previous conviction of the prisoner.]

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**Textual Amendments**

- F1** S. 20A inserted (24.9.2012) by [Criminal Cases \(Punishment and Review\) \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 7\)](#), [ss. 1\(6\), 5\(2\)](#); S.S.I. 2012/249, art. 2

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** Pt. 2 power to modify conferred (24.9.2012) by [Criminal Cases \(Punishment and Review\) \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(asp 7\)](#), [ss. 2\(2\), 5\(2\)](#); S.S.I. 2012/249, art. 2

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 29A inserted by [2010 asp 13 s. 18\(6\)](#)
- s. 42A inserted by [2010 asp 13 Sch. 3 para. 6](#)
- s. 45(1)(za)(zb) inserted by [2010 asp 13 Sch. 3 para. 7\(2\)](#)
- s. 46A inserted by [2010 asp 13 s. 18\(7\)](#)
- s. 47(3A) inserted by [2010 asp 13 s. 18\(8\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 47(8)(a)(b) substituted for words by [2010 asp 13 s. 18\(8\)\(e\)](#)
- s. 51(1A) inserted by [2010 asp 13 Sch. 3 para. 9\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 1(4) added by [2010 asp 13 Sch. 3 para. 13\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 7(1A) inserted by [2010 asp 13 Sch. 3 para. 13\(8\)](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 2A inserted by [2010 asp 13 Sch. 3 para. 14\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 3(3) inserted by [2010 asp 13 Sch. 3 para. 14\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 3A inserted by [2010 asp 13 Sch. 3 para. 14\(5\)](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 5(4A) inserted by [2010 asp 13 Sch. 3 para. 14\(6\)\(d\)](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 5(6) inserted by [2010 asp 13 Sch. 3 para. 14\(6\)\(e\)](#)