

Using the drink-driving calculator

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The calculator is designed to help magistrates work out:

- by how long a driver's disqualification period will be reduced if they complete an approved rehabilitation course;
- the length of any extension, if custody is imposed;
- the date by which the course must be completed; and
- the date on which they can drive again.

The calculator will automatically start the disqualification on today's date. If you need to use an alternative date, you can either type it in the box or select the calendar icon and choose the appropriate date. Next, enter the period of disqualification. The calculator automatically enters 12 months but, if the period of disqualification is different, you can type in the correct number of days, months and/or years.

The screenshot shows two main input sections. The first section, titled "Date disqualification imposed", contains a text box with "31 March 2021" and a calendar icon. A calendar pop-up is visible, showing the month of March 2021 with the 31st highlighted. The second section, titled "Period of disqualification", contains three input boxes: "Days" with "0", "Months" with "12", and "Years" with "0".

If the Court is imposing a custodial sentence, select "Yes". You will be given the option to enter the length of sentence in days, months and/or years. The calculator will extend the disqualification by half the custodial term (but will disregard this extension when calculating the reduction for attending the rehabilitation driving course).

The screenshot shows two input sections. The first section, titled "Was a custodial sentence imposed?", has two radio buttons: "Yes" (which is selected) and "No". The second section, titled "Length of custodial sentence:", contains three input boxes: "Days" with "0", "Months" with "6", and "Years" with "0".

The calculator works out months by calendar days, ie 30 or 31 days a month (or 28/29, if February). Half days are rounded down.

The "Disqualification end date" is the date on which the offender is permitted to drive again.