

## Using the Sentencing Council fine calculator

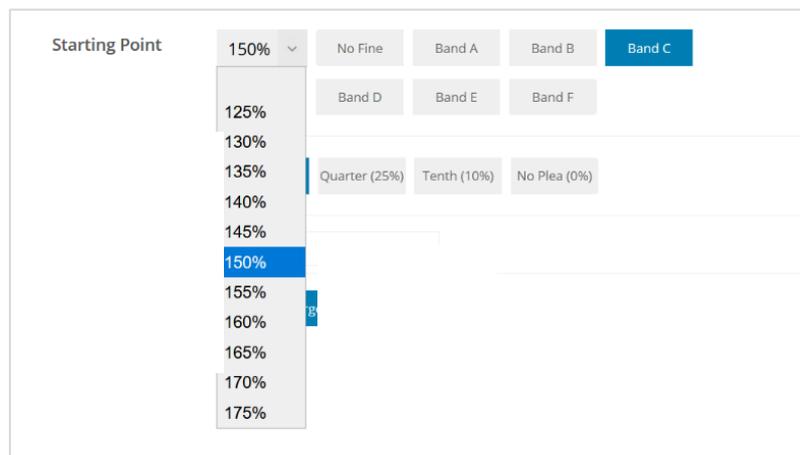
To use the fine calculator, touch or click on the calculator icon  in the left-hand menu and right-click on the link to the calculator to open it in a new tab.

Enter the defendant's relevant income by either using the drop-down list or typing it into the box. Touch or click on weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or yearly to select the correct income period.



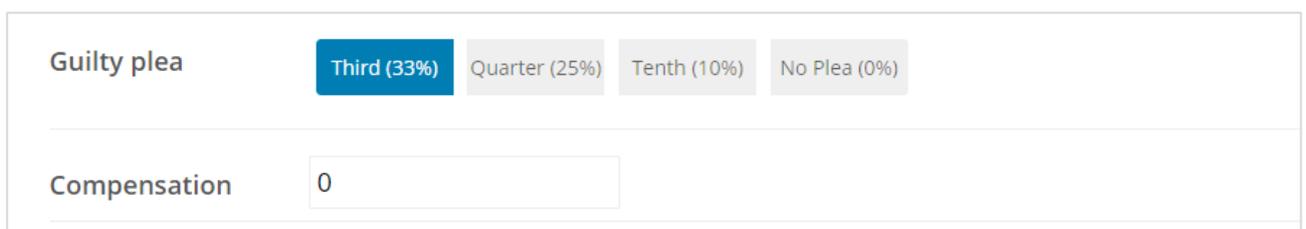
The screenshot shows the top section of the calculator interface. It features a blue header bar with the text "Income (RWI)" on the left. To its right is a dropdown menu currently displaying "£ 440.00". Further right are four buttons: "Weekly" (highlighted in blue), "Bi-Weekly", "Monthly", and "Yearly".

Select the fine band. The starting point for percentage of income will be displayed. Use the down arrow to select where on the range you want the fine to be.



The screenshot shows the fine band selection section. On the left, a "Starting Point" dropdown menu is open, showing a list of percentages from 125% to 175% in 5% increments. The "150%" option is highlighted in blue. To the right of this dropdown are several buttons for fine bands: "No Fine", "Band A", "Band B", "Band C" (highlighted in blue), "Band D", "Band E", and "Band F". Below these are three buttons for plea discounts: "Quarter (25%)", "Tenth (10%)", and "No Plea (0%)".

If the defendant has pled guilty, touch or click on the relevant box to show what discount should be given. Then enter the amount for compensation using numbers only (ie do not use the £ sign).



The screenshot shows the bottom section of the calculator interface. It features a "Guilty plea" label on the left. To its right are four buttons: "Third (33%)", "Quarter (25%)", "Tenth (10%)", and "No Plea (0%)". The "Third (33%)" button is highlighted in blue. Below this is a "Compensation" label on the left and a text input box on the right containing the number "0".

You can use the “add another offence” button to add up to six offences. Each offence will be recorded on its own tab.

Add another offence

When the first page is complete, select “add surcharge” to move to the calculation page.

Add surcharge

On the calculation page, you can use the edit button to make any changes to the fines you have already entered or you can return to the first screen using “add another offence”, which will automatically set up a new offence tab.

Fines	Starting point	Guilty plea	Fine before plea	Fine after plea	Compensation	
✘ Offence 1	A 50%	1/3	£60	£40	£0	Edit
✘ Offence 2	B 100%	1/3	£120	£80	£0	Edit
✘ Offence 3	C 150%	1/3	£180	£120	£0	Edit
Total			£360	£240	£0	

**Always use the edit, add another offence and add surcharge buttons to move between the pages of the calculator. Do not use the arrow keys on your browser: this will clear and close down the calculator.**

To enter a surcharge, first choose the appropriate date range then use the down arrow to select your option.

Surcharge

Any offence before 28 June 2019\*    Earliest offence 29 June 2019 to 13 April 2020    All offences on or after 14 April 2020

£ 0.00

- No surcharge
- 10% - Adult fine
- £17.00 - Youth con discharge
- £22.00 - Adult con discharge/youth fine/YRO/referral order/com o
- £34.00 - Youth SSO/DTO
- £95.00 - Adult community order
- £128.00 - Adult imprisonment immediate/SSO (6 months or less)
- £156.00 - Adult imprisonment immediate/SSO (over 6 months)

Finally, add any prosecution costs using the drop-down list.

Add another offence

Surcharge

Any offence before 28 June 2019\*    Earliest offence 29 June 2019 to 13 April 2020    All offences on or after 14 April 2020

£ 0.00

Prosecution costs

£ 0.00

- No costs
- £85
- £135
- £185
- £775
- £965

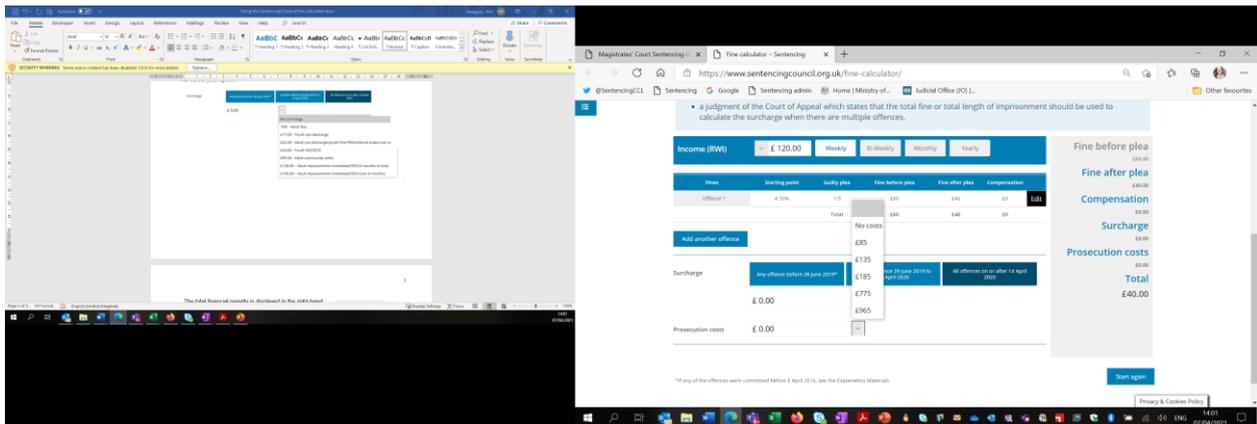
The total financial penalty is displayed in the right-hand column, along with your calculations.

To clear the calculator, select “start again”.

A blue rectangular button with the text "Start again" in white.

Fine before plea	£360.00
<b>Fine after plea</b>	£240.00
<b>Compensation</b>	£10.00
<b>Surcharge</b>	£34.00
<b>Prosecution costs</b>	£0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£284.00</b>

If you want to look at other pages on the website but preserve your workings, always keep the calculator open on its own tab.



## Drink-driving calculator (available from 7 April 2021)

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.

<p><b>Date disqualification imposed</b></p> <p>31 March 2021</p>	<p><b>Period of disqualification</b></p> <p>Days 0 Months 12 Years 0</p>
<p><b>Was a custodial sentence imposed?</b></p> <p>Yes No</p>	<p><b>Length of custodial sentence:</b></p> <p>Days 0 Months 0 Years 0</p>

### Length of reduction (at 25%)

91 days = 3 months, 1 day

### Course to be completed by

29 October 2021

### Disqualification end date with course reduction

29 December 2021 = 8 months, 29 days

### Disqualification end date with no reduction

30 March 2022 = 11 months, 30 days

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 image shows a user interface for a disqualification calculator. It consists of two main sections: 'Date disqualification imposed' and 'Period of disqualification'. The 'Date disqualification imposed' section has a text input field containing '31 March 2021' and a calendar icon. The 'Period of disqualification' section has three input fields: 'Days' with '0', 'Months' with '12', and 'Years' with '0'. A calendar dropdown menu is open, showing the month of 'March 2021' with the date '31' highlighted in blue.

If you are imposing a custodial sentence, select “Yes” and you will be given the option to enter the length of sentence. The calculator will extend the disqualification by half the custodial term (but will disregard this extension when calculating rehabilitation driving course reduction).

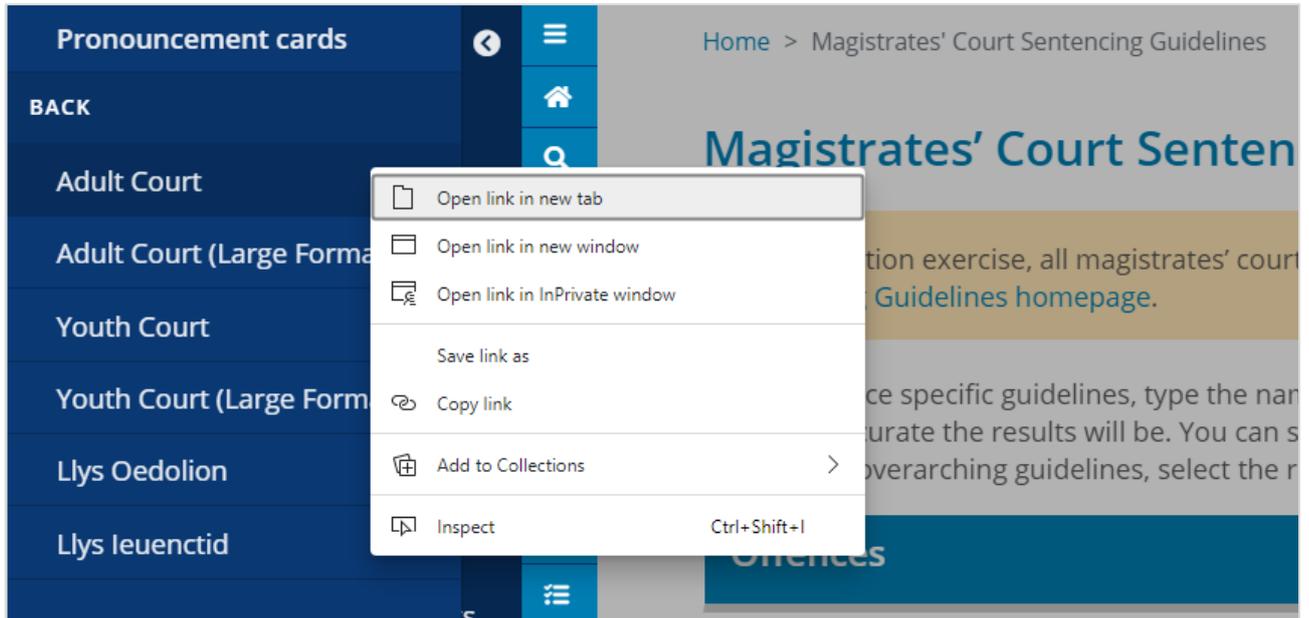
**“Disqualification end date” is the date on which the offender is permitted to drive again.**

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.

## Pronouncement cards and bench books

To use the pronouncement cards, select the speech-bubble icon  in the left-hand menu. To use the bench books, select the useful information icon .

Right click on the set of cards or bench book you want to use.



The pronouncement cards and bench books are in a pdf. You can find your way around using the in-built links or search using Control F.