



# 2019-2020 Report to Parliament

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Pursuant to section 11 of the  
*Criminal Records Act*

Parole Board of Canada  
Record Suspension Program

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## **Introduction**

Pursuant to section 11 of the *Criminal Records Act* (CRA), within three months after the end of each fiscal year, the Parole Board of Canada (PBC) must submit a report on the record suspension program to the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness. The report must contain the following information:

1. Number of applications for record suspensions made in respect of offences referred to in each of paragraphs 4(1)(a)<sup>1</sup> and (b)<sup>2</sup>;
2. The number of record suspensions that the Board ordered or refused to order in respect of offences referred to in paragraphs 4(1)(a) and (b);
3. Number of record suspensions ordered, categorized by the offence to which they relate; and
4. The number of record suspensions ordered by the province or territory of residence of the applicant.

## **Background**

As part of the criminal justice system, the PBC, or the Board, makes independent, quality conditional release, record suspension/pardon, expungement decisions, and clemency recommendations. The PBC is headed by a Chairperson who reports to Parliament through the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness. The Board contributes to the protection of society by facilitating, as appropriate, the timely re-integration of offenders into society as law-abiding citizens.

The record suspension program supports the successful reintegration of an individual into society, as it can assist an individual in accessing employment and educational opportunities, among other things. It is a formal attempt to remove the stigma of a criminal record for people found guilty of an offence under an Act of Parliament and who have completed their sentence and demonstrated law-abiding behaviour for a prescribed number of years. A record suspension restricts access to records under federal jurisdiction, removes disqualifications caused by a criminal conviction that would result from a conviction under federal statute or regulation, such as the ability to contract with the federal government, or eligibility for Canadian citizenship. It does not, however, guarantee either entry or visa privileges to another country nor does it have effect on a prohibition order under section 109 of the *Criminal Code of Canada* (CCC).

Although the CRA applies only to records kept by federal organizations, many provincial, territorial and municipal criminal justice agencies also restrict access to their records once they are

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<sup>1</sup> An offence that is prosecuted by indictment or is a service offence for which the offender was punished by a fine of more than five thousand dollars, detention for more than six months, dismissal from Her Majesty's service, imprisonment for more than six months or a punishment that is greater than imprisonment for less than two years in the scale of punishments set out in subsection 139(1) of the [National Defence Act](#);

<sup>2</sup> An offence that is punishable on summary conviction or is a service offence other than a service offence referred to in paragraph (a).

informed that a record suspension has been ordered. A record suspension does not, however, erase the fact that an individual was convicted of a crime. The criminal record is not deleted/purged, but it is kept separate and apart from other (non-suspended) criminal records. Through the program, the PBC reviews record suspension applications for completeness and eligibility, and collects information for investigation and decision-making. The Board has exclusive jurisdiction and absolute discretion to order, refuse to order, or revoke a record suspension under the CRA.

The process for revocation is started when the Board is notified, usually by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, that the person is subsequently convicted of an offence referred to in paragraph 4(1)(b) of the CRA, other than an offence referred to in subparagraph 7.2(a)(ii) of the CRA. A record suspension/pardon can also be revoked on evidence establishing to the satisfaction of the Board that: the person is no longer of good conduct, or the person to whom it relates knowingly made a false or deceptive statement in relation to the application for the record suspension/pardon, or knowingly concealed some material particular in relation to that application.

The CRA authorizes that a record suspension/pardon ceases to have effect if a person is subsequently convicted of an indictable offence under a federal act or regulation of Canada or certain other types of offences<sup>3</sup> that are punishable either on indictable or summary conviction. A record suspension/pardon can also be ceased if the Board is convinced by new information that the person was not eligible for a record suspension/pardon at the time it was ordered/granted/issued.

Since February 2012, applicants for a record suspension have had to pay an application fee of \$631. The *Service Fees Act* (SFA), which came into force in 2017, requires departments that charge an application fee to increase their fees on an annual basis according to the Consumer Price Index (CPI). On March 31, 2020 the CPI increase brought the cost of a record suspension/pardon application to \$644.88.

The application fee also includes service standards established under the SFA. Specifically, record suspension applications involving summary convictions are processed within six months of the date of acceptance of the application, while applications involving indictable offences are processed within 12 months of the date of acceptance. Applications for which the Board is proposing to refuse to order a record suspension may require up to 24 months to process after the date of application acceptance. The reason for this is that under the CRA, the Board must notify the applicant in writing of its proposal to refuse, and advise them that they are entitled to make, or have made on their behalf, any representations to the Board that they believe relevant. In some cases the Board may authorize a hearing.

On August 1, 2019, Bill C-93, *An Act to provide no-cost, expedited record suspensions for simple possession of cannabis* came into force. The 2019 amendments to the CRA provided a no-cost option for a record suspension for those with only simple possession of cannabis convictions. Individuals previously convicted of only simple possession of cannabis who have satisfied their

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<sup>3</sup> Offences under the *Criminal Code of Canada*, except subsection 255(1), or under the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*, the *Firearms Act*, Part III or IV of the *Food and Drugs Act* or the *Narcotic Control Act*, chapter N-1 of the *Revised Statutes of Canada*, 1985.

sentence (excluding payment of fines and victim surcharges) can now apply to the PBC for a record suspension with no application fee or waiting period. PBC staff members administratively order record suspensions for applicants with only simple possession of cannabis convictions.

The PBC received funding in the amount of \$1.26 million through a Treasury Board submission to offset the costs of providing no-cost record suspensions for simple possession of cannabis. This funding provided support for the lead-up costs incurred in preparing for these legislative amendments as well as the processing of the applications received under this legislative scheme between August 1 and March 31, 2020. The remaining portion of funds sought will be used to cash manage a shortfall in the overall record suspension program.

On March 19, 2020, the Federal Court declared the transitional provisions of amendments to section 4 of the CRA, namely, section 10 of the *Limiting Pardons of Serious Crimes Act* and section 161 of the *Safe Streets and Communities Act*, unconstitutional. The Court concluded that these provisions infringed on subsections 11(h) and 11(i) of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* because they add to the punishment imposed at sentencing and deprived applicants of the benefit of the lesser punishment available at the time the offence was committed.

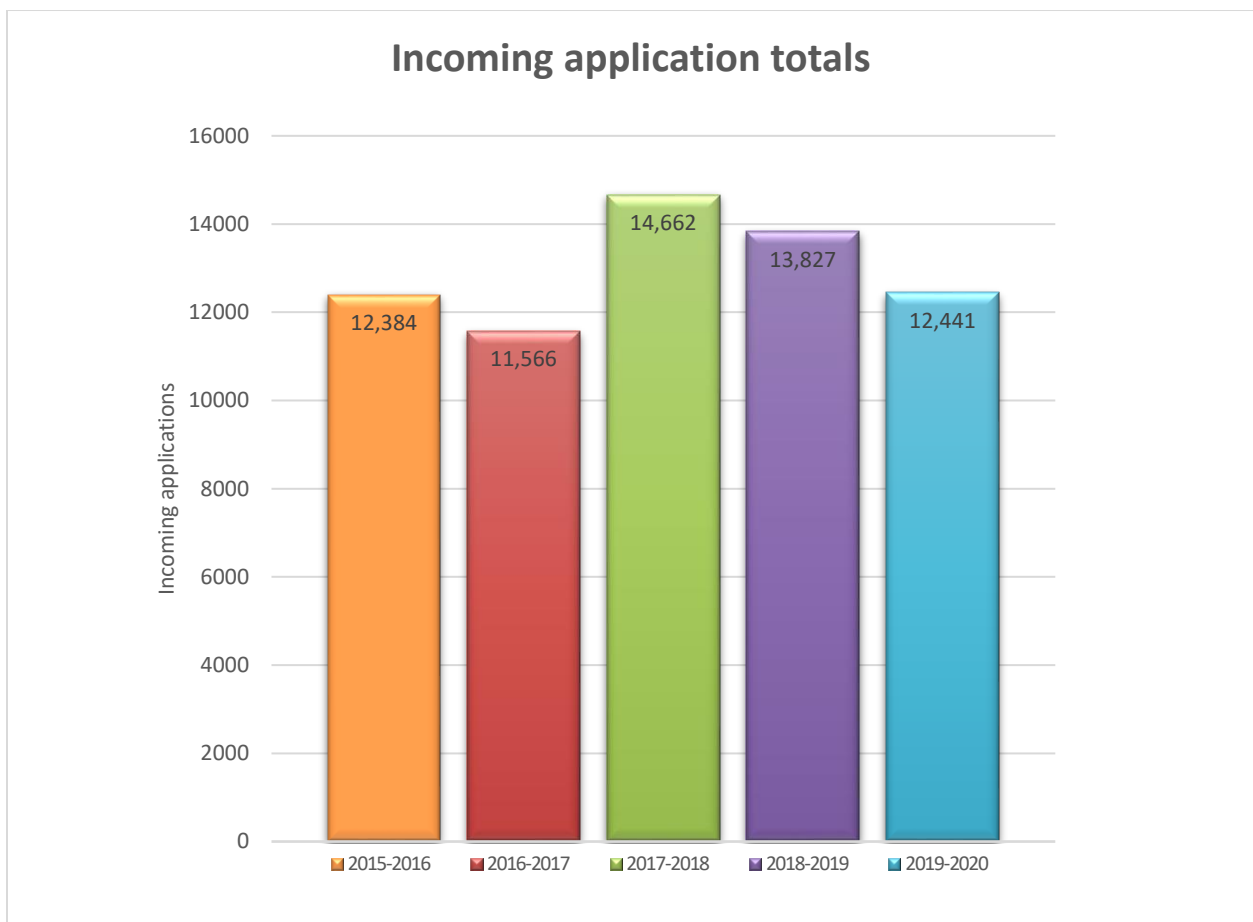
Because of this decision, the PBC no longer applies retrospectively legislative amendments made to the CRA in 2010 and 2012 (as it relates to eligibility periods and criteria) for all record suspension applicants who committed their most recent offence prior to the coming into force of these changes.

## **Findings for 2019-2020**

### ***Number of applications***

In 2019-2020, the Board received 12,441 record suspension/pardon applications and accepted 9,587 applications (77%) for processing. There were 2,643 record suspension/pardon applications (21%) that were rejected at screening due to ineligibility, no payment, wrong processing fee and/or missing documentation. There were 173 files pending processing at fiscal year end and 38 files were discontinued. In the previous year, the Board received 13,827 record suspension/pardon applications and accepted 10,531 applications (or 76%).

The chart below indicates the number of record suspension/pardon applications received in each fiscal year over the last five years: 2015-2016 to 2019-2020.



In 2019-2020, while record suspension applications decreased by over 100 per month compared to the previous year, application volumes returned to normal after a brief surge during the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 fiscal years. Factors behind the surge of new applications such as the wait period of 5 years being met after the 2012 changes to the CRA and the impacts of 2017 court decisions in British Columbia and Ontario appear to have stabilized. The addition of the new business line of no-cost record suspensions for simple possession of cannabis may have also played a role in the decline of regular record suspension applications received in 2019-2020.

## **Record Suspension Decisions**

### **1. Number of applications for record suspensions made in 2019-2020 in respect of offences referred to in each of paragraphs 4(1)(a) and (b)**

As per paragraph 4.1(1)(a) of the CRA, the Board may order that an applicant's record in respect of an offence be suspended if the Board is satisfied that during the applicable period, the applicant has been of good conduct and has not been convicted of an offence under an Act of Parliament. Pursuant to paragraph 4.1(1)(b), the Board may order that an applicant's record in respect of an offence be suspended if the Board is satisfied that during the applicable period, the applicant has been of good conduct and it would provide them with a measurable benefit, sustain their rehabilitation into society as a law abiding citizen and would not bring the administration of justice into disrepute. The applicant must clearly describe how receiving a record suspension would provide them with a measurable benefit and sustain their rehabilitation into society as a law abiding citizen.

The number of applications for a record suspension accepted in 2019-2020 in respect of offences referred to in paragraphs 4(1)(a) and (b)

<b>Indictable offences*</b>	<b>Summary offences**</b>
2,121	3,106

Data Source: PBC-PARSS, Data Extraction Date: 2020-04-01

Note: Excluded are files that were accepted and subsequently discontinued.

*\*An indictable conviction offence is an offence which can only be tried on an indictment after a preliminary hearing to determine whether there is a prima facie case to answer. \*\*Summary conviction offences are considered less serious than indictable offences because they are punishable by lesser penalties. The maximum penalty for a summary conviction offence is a sentence of six months of imprisonment, a fine of \$5,000 or both.*

### **2. Number of record suspensions that the Board ordered or refused to order in 2019-2020 in respect of offences referred to in paragraphs 4(1)(a) and (b)**

<b>Ordered (pursuant to 4(1)(a))</b>	<b>Ordered (pursuant to 4(1)(b))</b>	<b>Refused to Order (pursuant to 4(1)(a))</b>	<b>Refused to Order (pursuant to 4(1)(b))</b>
2,184	3,103	108	101

Data Source: PBC-PARSS, Data Extraction Date: 2020-04-01

Note: Includes applications received in previous fiscal years, as well as some received in 2019-2020.

### **3. Number of applications for pardons made in 2019-2020 in respect of offences referred to in each of paragraphs 4(1)(a) and (b)**

In 2019-2020, a proportion of applications were processed as pardons under the relevant scheme of the CRA.

*Legislative scheme: C-47*

As per subsection 4.1(1) of the CRA<sup>4</sup>, the Board may grant a pardon for an offence prosecuted by indictment or a service offence referred to in subparagraph 4(a)(ii) if the Board is satisfied that the applicant, during the period of five years referred to in paragraph 4(a), has been of good conduct; and has not been convicted of an offence under an Act of Parliament or a regulation made under an Act of Parliament.

As per subsection 4.1(2) of the CRA<sup>5</sup>, a pardon for an offence punishable on summary conviction or a service offence referred to in subparagraph 4(b)(ii) shall be issued if the applicant has not been convicted of an offence under an Act of Parliament or a regulation made under an Act of Parliament during the period of three years referred to in paragraph 4(b).

*Legislative scheme: C-23A*

As per subsection 4.1(1) of the CRA<sup>6</sup>, the Board may grant a pardon for an offence if the Board is satisfied that the applicant, during the applicable period referred to in section 4, has been of good conduct and has not been convicted of an offence under an Act of Parliament; and if granting the pardon at that time would provide a measurable benefit to the applicant, would sustain their rehabilitation in society as a law-abiding citizen and would not bring the administration of justice into disrepute.

As per subsection 4.1(1) of the CRA<sup>7</sup>, the Board may grant a pardon for an offence punishable on summary conviction or a service offence within the meaning of the [National Defence Act](#) if the Board is satisfied that the applicant, during the applicable period referred to in section 4, has been of good conduct and has not been convicted of an offence under an Act of Parliament.

The number of applications for a pardon accepted in 2019-2020 in respect of offences referred to in paragraphs 4(1)(a) and (b).

<b>Indictable offences</b>	<b>Summary offences</b>
2,408	1,952

Data Source: PBC-PARSS, Data Extraction Date: 2020-04-01

Note: Includes applications received in previous fiscal years, as well as some received in 2019-2020.

<sup>4</sup> Version of CRA (2008-09-12 to 2010-06-28)

<sup>5</sup> *Idem.*

<sup>6</sup> Version of CRA (2011-04-15 to 2012-03-12)

<sup>7</sup> *Idem.*



**4. Number of pardons<sup>8</sup> that the Board issued, granted and/or denied in 2019-2020 in respect of offences referred to in paragraphs 4(1)(a) and (b)**

Issued (pursuant to 4(1)(b))	Granted (pursuant to 4(1)(a))	Granted (pursuant to 4(1)(b))	Denied (pursuant to 4(1)(a))	Denied (pursuant to 4(1)(b))
1,552	2,696	461	167	43

Data Source: PBC-PARSS, Data Extraction Date: 2020-04-01

Note: Includes applications received in previous fiscal years, as well as some received in 2019-2020.

**5. The number of applications for record suspensions made, accepted and ordered in 2019-2020 containing only simple possession of cannabis conviction(s)**

Received	Accepted	Ordered	Discontinued	Ineligible/Incomplete
436	240	238	2	178

Data Source: PBC-PARSS, Data Extraction Date: 2020-04-01

Note: Includes applications that were received, but not yet processed by the end of the fiscal year.

The total number of record suspension applications received for simple possession of cannabis is much higher compared to the number of accepted applications. This can be attributed to a high percentage of applications received being either ineligible or incomplete. In the majority of these applications, the proof of substance is not included. The onus is on the applicant to provide all of the required information/documentation, including confirmation that the substance was cannabis, to benefit from this expedited, no-cost, record suspension.

**6. Number of record suspensions ordered, pardon issued and granted in 2019-2020 categorized by the offence to which they relate**

Offence	Ordered/ Issued/ Granted
(Cannabis) Breach of the <i>Controlled Drugs and Substances Act</i> *	124
(Cannabis) Breach of the <i>Narcotic Control Act</i> *	58
Abandoning child	2
Abduction contravening a custody order	2
Abduction under 16	1
Abduction where no custody order	1
Abstracts, consumes or uses electricity or gas	17
Access child pornography	1
Accessory after the fact	5
Accessory after the fact to murder	3

<sup>8</sup> Pardon Schemes of the *Criminal Records Act*: C47 (prior to or on June 28, 2010) / C-23A (from June 29, 2010 to March 12, 2012)

\* Excluded are record suspensions ordered for only simple possession of cannabis convictions.

<b>Offence</b>	<b>Ordered/ Issued/ Granted</b>
Accessory after the fact to the commission of an offence	2
Acknowledge bail in false name	2
Acknowledging instrument in false name	2
Acquire firearm without firearms acquisition certificate	4
Administer noxious thing	4
Aggravated assault	85
Aggravated sexual assault	2
Aiding suicide	1
All breaches of the <i>National Defence Act</i>	71
Anal intercourse	1
Armed robbery	37
Arson	17
Arson - disregard for human life	7
Arson by negligence	1
Arson causing damage to property	26
Assault	1,910
Assault against peace-public officer	58
Assault by trespasser	2
Assault causing bodily harm	484
Assault peace officer	132
Assault with a weapon	337
Assault with intent to commit an indictable offence	1
Assault with intent to resist arrest	57
Assault with intent to steal	5
Attack on premises of internationally protected persons	1
Attempt break and enter with intent	65
Attempt fraud	40
Attempt fraud over \$5000	15
Attempt fraud under \$5000	21
Attempt rape	1
Attempt robbery	18
Attempt theft	128
Attempt to commit a summary offence	17
Attempt to commit an indictable offence	30
Attempt to obstruct justice	43
Attempt to procure	1
Attempted murder	1
Breach of an undertaking	13
Breach of conditional sentence order	4
Breach of duty with regards to explosives	1

Offence	Ordered/ Issued/ Granted
Breach of probation	54
Breach of recognizance	44
Breach of terms and conditions of lottery licence	1
Breach of the <i>Bankruptcy Act</i>	1
Breach of the <i>Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act</i>	5
Breach of the <i>Canada Elections Act</i>	1
Breach of the <i>Canada Shipping Act</i>	2
Breach of the <i>Citizenship Act</i>	2
Breach of the <i>Competition Act</i>	1
Breach of the <i>Controlled Drugs and Substances Act</i>	1,957
Breach of the <i>Copyright Act</i>	4
Breach of the <i>Customs Act</i>	12
Breach of the <i>Employment Insurance Act</i>	3
Breach of the <i>Excise Act</i>	26
Breach of the <i>Firearms Act</i>	1
Breach of the <i>Fisheries Act</i>	30
Breach of the <i>Food and Drugs Act</i>	63
Breach of the <i>Government Property Traffic Act</i>	2
Breach of the <i>Government Property Traffic Regulations</i>	8
Breach of the <i>Immigration Act</i>	12
Breach of the <i>Immigration and Refugee Protection Act</i>	6
Breach of the <i>Income Tax Act</i>	4
Breach of the <i>Indian Act</i>	2
Breach of the <i>Juvenile Delinquents Act</i>	1
Breach of the <i>Liquor Act</i>	1
Breach of the <i>Migratory Birds Convention Act</i>	3
Breach of the <i>Narcotic Control Act</i>	995
Breach of the <i>National Battlefields at Quebec Act</i>	4
Breach of the <i>National Defence Act</i>	21
Breach of the <i>Radiocommunication Act</i>	2
Breach of the <i>Tobacco Act</i>	1
Breach of the <i>Unemployment Insurance Act</i>	10
Breach of the <i>Weights and Measures Act</i>	1
Breach of the <i>Wild Animal and Plant Protection/Regulation of International Trade Act</i>	1
Breach of the <i>Young Offenders Act</i>	172
Breach of the <i>Youth Criminal Justice Act</i>	40
Breach of trust by public officer	6
Break and enter	35
Break and enter with intent	263
Break, enter and commit	364

<b>Offence</b>	<b>Ordered/ Issued/ Granted</b>
Break, enter and commit an indictable offence	32
Break, enter and commit mischief	15
Break, enter and theft	524
Breaking out	4
Breaking out after committing an indictable offence	1
Bribery of agent	1
Bribery of officers	2
Care or control of a motor vehicle while ability impaired	126
Care or control of a motor vehicle with more than 80 mg of alcohol in blood	175
Careless storage of ammunitions	2
Careless storage of firearm, prohibited weapon, prohibited device or ammunition	24
Careless storage of firearms	10
Careless use of firearm	24
Careless use of prohibited weapon, prohibited device or ammunition	19
Carnal knowledge	1
Carry a concealed weapon	64
Carrying and possession of a firearm	3
Cause a disturbance	193
Causing bodily harm with intent	6
Causing injury with intent	2
Causing unnecessary suffering to animals	2
Cheating at play	1
Choking	2
Commission of offence for criminal organization	3
Common assault	23
Common nuisance	2
Communicate for the purpose of prostitution	45
Compounding indictable offence	1
Conspiracy	74
Conspiracy to commit a summary offence	3
Conspiracy to commit an indictable offence	90
Conspiracy to commit arson causing damage to property	1
Conspiracy to commit fraud	8
Conspiracy to commit robbery	18
Conspiracy to commit theft	18
Conspiracy to commit uttering counterfeit money	4
Conspiracy to import a narcotic	2
Conspiracy to import a scheduled substance	1
Conspiracy to possession of property obtained by crime	4
Conspiracy to produce a scheduled substance	4

Offence	Ordered/ Issued/ Granted
Conspiracy to traffic in a controlled drug	2
Conspiracy to traffic in a controlled substance	9
Conspiracy to traffic in a narcotic	19
Conspiracy to traffic in a restricted drug	1
Conspiracy to traffic in a scheduled substance	6
Conspire to commit murder	1
Contravene a prohibition order	1
Contribution to juvenile delinquency	2
Corroboration	1
Corrupting children	2
Counsel to commit murder	1
Counselling an indictable offence	4
Counselling an offence that is not committed	3
Counterfeiting stamps	1
Criminal breach of trust	4
Criminal harassment	172
Criminal interest rate	3
Criminal negligence	3
Criminal negligence causing bodily harm	9
Criminal negligence causing death	2
Criminal negligence in the operation of a motor vehicle	2
Damage to property	5
Damage under \$50	1
Dangerous driving without due attention	33
Dangerous operation of a vessel causing bodily harm	1
Dangerous operation of motor vehicle causing bodily harm	54
Dangerous operation of motor vehicle causing death	14
Dangerous operation of motor vehicle, vessel or aircraft	239
Dangerous use of firearm	3
Deal with a firearm or restricted weapon contrary to regulations	7
Deals with credit card obtained by crime	6
Disguise with intent	55
Disobey court order	17
Disposal of property to defraud creditors	1
Disturb the peace	3
Drawing document without authority	2
Drive while impaired causing bodily harm	43
Drive while impaired causing death	11
Driving while ability impaired	1,615
Driving while disqualified	342

<b>Offence</b>	<b>Ordered/ Issued/ Granted</b>
Driving while licence suspension	4
Driving while prohibited	42
Driving with more than 80 mgs of alcohol in 100 ml of blood	3,256
Driving with more than 80 mgs of alcohol in 100 ml of blood causing bodily harm	3
Endanger life	2
Engage in bookmaking	1
Engaging in prostitution	6
Escape lawful custody	39
Explosives	1
Exposure to person under age of fourteen years	1
Extortion	21
Fabricating evidence	2
Fail or refuse to provide breath sample	457
Fail to appear	441
Fail to attend court	302
Fail to comply with court order	43
Fail to comply with probation order	1,066
Fail to comply with recognizance	1,165
Fail to provide the necessities of life	3
Fail to report a found weapon	1
Failure to comply with conditions of undertaking	423
Failure to keep watch on person towed	1
Failure to stop at scene of accident	149
Failure to stop at the scene of an accident causing bodily harm	5
False alarm of fire	5
False messages	4
False pretences	76
False pretences over \$1000	3
False pretences over \$200	2
False pretences over \$5000	1
False pretences under \$1000	14
False pretences under \$200	2
False pretences under \$5000	15
False statement	3
False statement in relation to passport	3
Falsification of books and documents	1
Finding weapon	1
Firearms possession and other offences	1
Flight while pursued by peace officer	52
Forcible confinement	58

Offence	Ordered/ Issued/ Granted
Forcible entry	20
Forge a credit card	6
Forgery	50
Forgery of a trade-mark	1
Fraud	107
Fraud over \$1000	41
Fraud over \$200	20
Fraud over \$5000	176
Fraud under \$1000	59
Fraud under \$200	5
Fraud under \$50	1
Fraud under \$5000	261
Frauds upon the government	1
Fraudulent concealment	1
Fraudulent use of Certificate of Citizenship	2
Fraudulent use of credit card	11
Fraudulently burning personal or commercial property	2
Fraudulently obtain computer service	1
Fraudulently obtain transportation	14
Fraudulently obtaining food and lodging	15
Gross indecency	2
Handle firearm or restricted weapon contrary to regulations	11
Harassing communications	3
Harassing phone calls	35
Have stolen goods	9
Identity fraud	2
Identity theft	2
Illegal sale of lottery tickets	1
Importing or delivering prohibited weapon	1
Incest	2
Indecent acts	18
Indecent assault on female	9
Indecent assault on male	2
Indecent exposure	2
Indecent telephone calls	5
Injuring cattle	1
Inmate of a common bawdy-house	1
Intercept private communication	1
Intimidation	8
Invitation to sexual touching	6

Offence	Ordered/ Issued/ Granted
Keep gaming equipment	1
Keeping a common bawdy-house	16
Keeping a common betting house	1
Keeping a common gaming house	4
Kidnapping	3
Killing, injuring or endangering other animals	4
Laundering proceeds of crime	4
Living off the avails of prostitution	4
Loitering	1
Lotteries and games of chance	2
Luring a child	5
Make counterfeit money	3
Make false statement in writing	2
Manslaughter	9
Mischief	242
Mischief endangering life	2
Mischief over \$1000	51
Mischief over \$200	1
Mischief over \$5000	72
Mischief to data	2
Mischief to private property	49
Mischief to public property	19
Mischief under \$1000	121
Mischief under \$5000	349
Misleading peace officer	2
Non support	1
Obstruct justice	12
Obstruct peace officer	319
Obstruct public peace officer	8
Obstruction	91
Obtain credit card by fraud	2
Occupant of motor vehicle who knows contains a prohibited weapon	1
Operate vessel, aircraft or railway equipment while ability impaired	3
Operate vessel, aircraft or railway equipment with more than 80mg of alcohol in blood	4
Overcoming resistance to commission of offence	2
Participate in a lottery scheme	1
Participation in criminal organization	2
Party to an offence	1
Perjury	4
Permitting use of place as gaming or betting house	1



<b>Offence</b>	<b>Ordered/ Issued/ Granted</b>
Personating peace officer	3
Personation	7
Personation with intent	108
Pointing a firearm	23
Possession and sale of telecommunication facility	4
Possession contrary to prohibition order	5
Possession of a motor vehicle on which the identification number has been removed or obliterated	1
Possession of a prohibited weapon	62
Possession of a prohibited weapon in motor vehicle	3
Possession of a restricted weapon	9
Possession of a weapon	158
Possession of a weapon dangerous to the public peace	9
Possession of ammunition while prohibited	2
Possession of an identity document	2
Possession of an imitation of a weapon	4
Possession of an offensive weapon	1
Possession of an unregistered restricted firearm	5
Possession of an unregistered restricted weapon	16
Possession of child pornography	18
Possession of counterfeit money	21
Possession of credit card obtained by crime	152
Possession of device to obtain telecommunication	8
Possession of exchequer bill	1
Possession of firearm knowing its possession is unauthorized	9
Possession of firearm knowing that the serial number has been altered	7
Possession of firearm while prohibited	13
Possession of firearm, prohibited or restricted weapon obtained by crime	2
Possession of forged instruments	4
Possession of housebreaking instruments	160
Possession of incendiary device	1
Possession of incendiary material	1
Possession of instrument to be used to commit forgery	9
Possession of instruments for breaking into coin-operated devices	5
Possession of instruments for counterfeiting	1
Possession of instruments for forging or falsifying credit card	14
Possession of prohibited or restricted firearm with ammunition	23
Possession of prohibited or restricted weapon at unauthorized place	6
Possession of property obtained by crime	255
Possession of property obtained by crime over \$1000	87

Offence	Ordered/ Issued/ Granted
Possession of property obtained by crime over \$200	59
Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5000	148
Possession of property obtained by crime under \$1000	126
Possession of property obtained by crime under \$200	42
Possession of property obtained by crime under \$5000	324
Possession of safe-breaking instruments	4
Possession of spring knife	1
Prisoner unlawfully at large	2
Proceeds of crime	10
<i>Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act</i>	1
Procures or attempts to procure a person to become a prostitute	1
Procuring	2
Production/distribution of child pornography	6
Providing or making available property or services for terrorist purposes	1
Prowl at night	3
Public mischief	164
Pyramid scheme	1
Rape	6
Receiving property obtained by crime	1
Refuse roadside testing device	1
Refuse to provide breath sample	57
Register bets	1
Rescue or permitting escape	3
Resist arrest	30
Resist peace officer	14
Restricted weapon in motor vehicle	1
Robbery	254
Robbery with violence	20
Sell lottery tickets	1
Setting fire by negligence	1
Setting fire to other substance	4
Sexual assault	158
Sexual assault causing bodily harm	1
Sexual assault with a weapon	4
Sexual exploitation	12
Sexual intercourse with a female between 14 and 16 years of age	1
Sexual intercourse with a female under 14 years	2
Sexual interference	21
Signing document without authority	1
Soliciting	2

Offence	Ordered/ Issued/ Granted
Store firearm in a manner contrary to a regulation	25
Take motor vehicle without owner's consent	88
Taking part in a riot	1
Theft	144
Theft by person required to account	3
Theft of auto	17
Theft of cattle	1
Theft of credit card	23
Theft of mail	10
Theft of telecommunication service	9
Theft over \$1000	127
Theft over \$200	138
Theft over \$50	7
Theft over \$5000	173
Theft under \$1000	837
Theft under \$200	361
Theft under \$50	18
Theft under \$5000	1,384
Threatening phone calls	2
Traffic in a credit card	7
Transporting person to bawdy-house	1
Trespass at night	15
Unauthorized importing/exporting of weapons	1
Unauthorized possession of a firearm	45
Unauthorized possession of a prohibited device or ammunition	4
Unauthorized possession of a prohibited or restricted weapon	45
Unauthorized use of computer	4
Unauthorized use of credit card data	46
Unlawful assembly	3
Unlawful possession of explosives	5
Unlawful use of credit card	10
Unlawful use of military uniforms	1
Unlawfully at large	79
Unlawfully causing bodily harm	4
Unlawfully in dwelling house	54
Unsafe storage of firearms	3
Use cancelled credit card	4
Use firearm in a manner that is dangerous to the safety of other persons	2
Use of credit card obtained by crime	57
Use of firearm	6

<b>Offence</b>	<b>Ordered/ Issued/ Granted</b>
Use of firearm during the commission of an indictable offence	13
Use of imitation firearm	5
Use of imitation firearm during the commission of an indictable offence	6
Use, possess, or traffic a password to a computer in order to commit an offence	1
Using mails to defraud	1
Utter death threats	6
Utter forged document	176
Utter forged passport	2
Uttering	1
Uttering counterfeit money	7
Uttering threats	570
Uttering threats to cause bodily harm	21
Uttering, using or exporting counterfeit money	19
Vagrancy	4
Voyeurism	5
Weapons trafficking	1
Wilful damage	15
Wounding with intent	3

The numbers represent the offences for which a record suspension was ordered, or a pardon was issued or granted, and not the total number of record suspensions ordered, pardons issued and granted. One record suspension/pardon may have multiple offences. These statistics only indicate how many files for each specific offence were ordered/issued/granted.

**7. Number of record suspensions in 2019-2020 ordered by the province/territory of residence of the applicant**

<b>Province/Territory</b>	<b>Ordered</b>
Prince Edward Island	26
Nova Scotia	192
New Brunswick	123
Newfoundland and Labrador	168
Quebec	2,439
Ontario	478
Manitoba	208
Saskatchewan	204
Alberta	1,243
British Columbia	36
Yukon	11
Northwest Territories	12
Nunavut	6
Out of country	141

Data Source: PBC-PARSS, Data Extraction Date: 2020-04-01

Note: Includes applications received in previous fiscal years, as well as some received in 2019-2020.

**8. Number of pardons issued in 2019-2020 by the province/territory of residence of the applicant**

<b>Province/Territory</b>	<b>Issued</b>
Prince Edward Island	1
Nova Scotia	2
New Brunswick	2
Newfoundland and Labrador	1
Quebec	17
Ontario	1,254
Manitoba	3
Saskatchewan	4
Alberta	21
British Columbia	246
Yukon	0
Northwest Territories	0
Nunavut	0
Out of country	1

Data Source: PBC-PARSS, Data Extraction Date: 2020-04-01

Note: Includes applications received in previous fiscal years, as well as some received in 2019-2020.

**9. Number of pardons granted in 2019-2020 by the province/territory of residence of the applicant**

<b>Province/Territory</b>	<b>Granted</b>
Prince Edward Island	0
Nova Scotia	0
New Brunswick	0
Newfoundland and Labrador	0
Quebec	1
Ontario	2,600
Manitoba	0
Saskatchewan	0
Alberta	1
British Columbia	552
Yukon	0
Northwest Territories	0
Nunavut	1
Out of country	0

Data Source: PBC-PARSS, Data Extraction Date: 2020-04-01

Note: Includes applications received in previous fiscal years, as well as some received in 2019-2020.

### **Other information required by the Minister**

Pursuant to paragraph 11(1) of the CRA the Board shall, within three months after the end of each fiscal year, submit to the Minister a report on the number of applications for record suspensions made; ordered or refused to order; and the number of record suspensions ordered, categorized by the offence to which they relate and the province or territory of residence. The Minister may request additional information during that same covering period. There were no additional requests for information by the Minister during this review period.