



# 2020-2021 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), the Parole Board of Canada (PBC) must submit a report on the record suspension program to the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada within three months after the end of each fiscal year. The report must contain the following information:

1. The 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. The 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.

Due to a Federal Court decision in March 2020, the PBC no longer applies legislative amendments made to the CRA in 2010 and 2012 retrospectively. In applying this court decision, the PBC processes pardons<sup>3</sup> and record suspensions. This report also outlines information related to the above with respect to pardons processed by the PBC during fiscal year 2020-2021. More information on the court decision can be found on page 4 of this report.

## **Background**

The PBC, or the Board, as part of the criminal justice system, contributes to the protection of society by facilitating, as appropriate, the timely reintegration of offenders and the sustained rehabilitation of individuals into society as law-abiding citizens. The Board makes independent, quality conditional release, record suspension and expungement decisions, as well as clemency recommendations, in a transparent and accountable manner, while respecting diversity and the rights of offenders and victims. The PBC is headed by a Chairperson who reports to Parliament through the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada.

The record suspension program supports the successful reintegration of an individual into society, as it can assist an individual in accessing employment, educational and volunteer opportunities. 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

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<sup>1</sup> 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> Offence that is punishable on summary conviction or is a service offence other than a service offence referred to in paragraph (a).

<sup>3</sup> Prior to legislative amendments in 2012, record suspensions were known as pardons

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 informed that a record suspension has been ordered.

A record suspension does not 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>4</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 awarded.

From February 2012 to March 2020, applicants of the program 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). The first annual increase to the application fee occurred on March 31, 2020 and brought the fee to \$644.88. On March 31, 2021 the second CPI increase brought the cost of a record suspension application to \$657.77.

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<sup>4</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.

The application fee also includes service standards established under the SFA. Specifically, 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/deny a record suspension/pardon 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 sentence (excluding payment of fines and victim surcharges) can 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.

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* (the *Charter*) 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 legislative amendments made to the CRA in 2010 and 2012 (as it relates to eligibility periods and criteria) retrospectively for all record suspension applicants who committed their most recent offence prior to the coming into force of these changes. This means that applications are being processed using the CRA eligibility criteria in place at the time of an applicant's most recent offence.

## **Findings for 2020-2021**

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

In 2020-2021, the Board received 9,137 record suspension/pardon applications and accepted 7,443 (81%) for processing. There were 1,537<sup>5</sup> applications (17%) that were rejected at screening due to ineligibility, no payment, wrong processing fee and/or missing documentation. At the end of the fiscal year, there were 157 applications (2%) that had been received, but not yet processed. In the previous fiscal year, the Board received 12,441 record suspension/pardon applications and accepted 9,587 applications (or 77%).

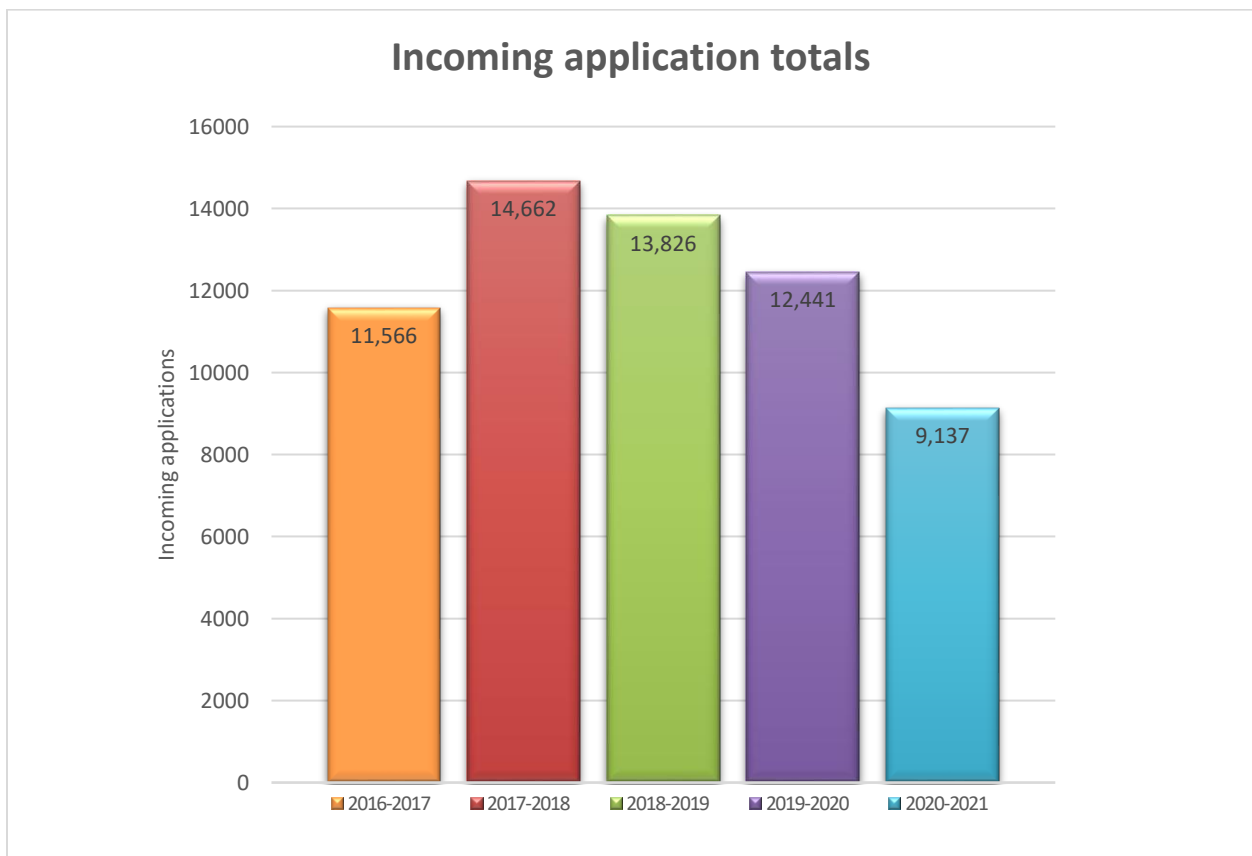
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<sup>5</sup> This figure includes cases that were discontinued.

The record suspension program was significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and measures taken by governments, police services and courthouses to adhere to public health and safety guidelines. There was a sizeable decrease in overall applications received in 2020-2021 which can be attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to a reduction in applications received, PBC processing of applications was also impacted. At the outset of the pandemic, in an effort to protect health and safety of staff and Board members, staff were asked to work almost exclusively remotely. Existing systems and processes were initially not capable of effectively supporting remote work, which resulted in some applications not being processed in advance of the conclusion of the fiscal year.

Following the Federal Court decision in March 2020 that resulted in record suspension applications being processed using the CRA eligibility criteria in place at the time of an applicant's most recent offence, there has been a large decrease in applications processed as record suspensions under the current CRA. This is offset, in part, by an increase in applications being processed as pardons as the majority of applications received in 2020-2021 were processed under previous versions of the CRA (as it relates to eligibility periods and criteria) when record suspensions were known as pardons.

The chart below indicates the number of record suspension/pardon applications received in each fiscal year over the last five years: 2016-2017 to 2020-2021.



The PBC anticipates that application volumes will return to previous levels as Canada recovers from the pandemic and opens up services more broadly. Given the impacts of the Federal Court decision, it is possible that the PBC may see a rise in application volumes in the coming years.

## **Record Suspension Decisions**

### **1. Number of applications for record suspensions made in 2020-2021 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 2020-2021 in respect of offences referred to in paragraphs 4(1)(a) and (b)

<b>Indictable offences*</b>	<b>Summary offences**</b>
131	1,280

Data Source: PBC-PARSS, Data Extraction Date: 2021-04-01

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 2020-2021 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>
159	1,245	50	54

Data Source: PBC-PARSS, Data Extraction Date: 2021-04-01

Note: Includes applications received in previous fiscal years, as well as some received in 2020-2021.

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



### **3. Number of applications for pardons made in 2020-2021 in respect of offences referred to in each of paragraphs 4(1)(a) and (b)**

In 2020-2021, 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>6</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>7</sup>, a pardon for an offence punishable on summary conviction or a service offence referred to in subparagraph 4(b)(ii) shall be issued<sup>8</sup> 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>9</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>10</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 2020-2021 in respect of offences referred to in paragraphs 4(1)(a) and (b)

<b>Indictable offences</b>	<b>Summary offences</b>
3,543	2,489

Data Source: PBC-PARSS, Data Extraction Date: 2021-04-01

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

<sup>6</sup> Version of CRA (2008-09-12 to 2010-06-28)

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

<sup>8</sup> Under legislative scheme C-47, pardons can be administratively issued for summary only convictions or granted by a Board member for indictable convictions.

<sup>9</sup> Version of CRA (2011-04-15 to 2012-03-12)

<sup>10</sup> *Idem.*

**4. Number of pardons<sup>11</sup> that the Board issued, granted or denied in 2020-2021 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))
2,469	4,323	523	196	24

Data Source: PBC-PARSS, Data Extraction Date: 2021-04-01

Note: Includes applications received in previous fiscal years, as well as some received in 2020-2021.

**5. Number of applications for record suspensions made, accepted and ordered in 2020-2021 containing only simple possession of cannabis conviction(s)**

Received	Accepted	Ordered	Discontinued	Ineligible/Incomplete
237	160	160	1	70

Data Source: PBC-PARSS, Data Extraction Date: 2021-04-01

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

Note: Files that were accepted and subsequently discontinued are excluded from numbers for accepted files.

The total number of record suspension applications received for simple possession of cannabis continues to be 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 related to the conviction(s) was cannabis, to benefit from this expedited, no-cost, record suspension.

**6. Number of record suspensions ordered, pardons issued and granted in 2020-2021 categorized by the offence to which they relate**

Offence	Ordered/ Issued/ Granted
(Cannabis) Breach of the <i>Controlled Drugs and Substances Act</i> <sup>*</sup>	221
(Cannabis) Breach of the <i>Narcotic Control Act</i> <sup>*</sup>	163
(Cannabis) Breach of the <i>National Defence Act</i> <sup>*</sup>	2
Abandoning child	4
Abduction contravening a custody order	5
Abduction of female	1
Abduction under 14	1
Abduction where no custody order	1

<sup>11</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)

Offence	Ordered/ Issued/ Granted
Abstracts, consumes or uses electricity or gas	14
Access child pornography	1
Accessory after the fact	3
Accessory after the fact to murder	3
Accessory after the fact to robbery	2
Acknowledge bail in false name	1
Acknowledging instrument in false name	3
Acquire firearm without firearms acquisition certificate	4
Administer noxious thing	1
Aggravated assault	88
All breaches of the <i>National Defence Act</i>	51
Armed robbery	29
Arson	10
Arson by negligence	4
Arson causing damage to property	23
Arson - disregard for human life	8
Assault	1,717
Assault against peace-public officer	53
Assault causing bodily harm	395
Assault peace officer	130
Assault with a weapon	313
Assault with intent to commit an indictable offence	2
Assault with intent to resist arrest	67
Assault with intent to steal	5
Assisting escape	3
Attempt break and enter with intent	47
Attempt fraud	23
Attempt fraud over \$5000	7
Attempt fraud under \$5000	21
Attempt robbery	14
Attempt theft	98
Attempt to bribe peace officer	2
Attempt to commit a summary offence	8
Attempt to commit an indictable offence	19
Attempt to obstruct justice	36
Attempted murder	3
Bail violations	1
Breach of an undertaking	7
Breach of conditional sentence order	3
Breach of probation	71

Offence	Ordered/ Issued/ Granted
Breach of recognizance	48
Breach of the <i>Aeronautics Act</i>	1
Breach of the <i>Bankruptcy Act</i>	2
Breach of the <i>Canada Post Corporation Act</i>	1
Breach of the <i>Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act</i>	1
Breach of the <i>Citizenship Act</i>	3
Breach of the <i>Competition Act</i>	2
Breach of the <i>Controlled Drugs and Substances Act</i>	1,568
Breach of the <i>Copyright Act</i>	12
Breach of the <i>Customs Act</i>	16
Breach of the <i>Defence Controlled Access Area Regulations</i>	1
Breach of the <i>Electricity and Gas Inspection Act</i>	1
Breach of the <i>Employment Insurance Act</i>	2
Breach of the <i>Excise Act</i>	28
Breach of the <i>Explosives Act</i>	1
Breach of the <i>Firearms Act</i>	1
Breach of the <i>Fisheries Act</i>	34
Breach of the <i>Food and Drugs Act</i>	50
Breach of the <i>Government Property Traffic Act</i>	2
Breach of the <i>Government Property Traffic Regulations</i>	3
Breach of the <i>Immigration Act</i>	8
Breach of the <i>Immigration and Refugee Protection Act</i>	7
Breach of the <i>Income Tax Act</i>	13
Breach of the <i>Indian Act</i>	5
Breach of the <i>Juvenile Delinquents Act</i>	4
Breach of the <i>Migratory Birds Convention Act</i>	1
Breach of the <i>Narcotic Control Act</i>	722
Breach of the <i>National Battlefields at Quebec Act</i>	2
Breach of the <i>National Defence Act</i>	16
Breach of the <i>Railway Safety Act</i>	1
Breach of the <i>Small Vessel Regulations</i>	1
Breach of the <i>Tobacco Act</i>	1
Breach of the <i>Unemployment Insurance Act</i>	11
Breach of the <i>Weights and Measures Act</i>	1
Breach of the <i>Young Offenders Act</i>	149
Breach of the <i>Youth Criminal Justice Act</i>	42
Breach of trust by public officer	5
Break and enter	30
Break and enter with intent	203
Break, enter and commit	363

<b>Offence</b>	<b>Ordered/ Issued/ Granted</b>
Break, enter and commit an indictable offence	24
Break, enter and commit mischief	7
Break, enter and theft	494
Breaking out	1
Bribery of a peace officer	1
Bribery of agent	2
Bribery of officers	1
Buggery	3
Buys or sells instruments for forging or falsifying credit card	2
Care or control of a motor vehicle while ability impaired	97
Care or control of a motor vehicle with more than 80 mg of alcohol in blood	148
Careless storage of ammunitions	1
Careless storage of firearm, prohibited weapon, prohibited device or ammunition	17
Careless storage of firearms	5
Careless use of firearm	19
Careless use of prohibited weapon, prohibited device or ammunition	13
Carry a concealed weapon	41
Cause a disturbance	141
Cause an explosion that is likely to cause serious bodily harm, death or damage to property	1
Causing bodily harm with intent	2
Causing unnecessary suffering to animals	4
Cheating at play	2
Commission of offence for criminal organization	3
Common assault	21
Common nuisance	1
Communicate for the purpose of prostitution	34
Conspiracy	46
Conspiracy to commit an indictable offence	120
Conspiracy to commit extortion	1
Conspiracy to commit fraud	16
Conspiracy to commit robbery	19
Conspiracy to commit theft	37
Conspiracy to import a narcotic	4
Conspiracy to import a scheduled substance	2
Conspiracy to produce a scheduled substance	2
Conspiracy to traffic in a controlled drug	2
Conspiracy to traffic in a controlled substance	9
Conspiracy to traffic in a narcotic	16
Conspiracy to traffic in a scheduled substance	10

Offence	Ordered/ Issued/ Granted
Contempt	2
Contempt of court	2
Contravene a prohibition order	2
Contribution to juvenile delinquency	1
Conversion data	3
Corrupting morals	1
Corruptly taking reward for recovery of goods	1
Counsel to commit murder	3
Counselling an indictable offence	2
Counterfeiting stamps	1
Criminal breach of trust	2
Criminal harassment	147
Criminal negligence	3
Criminal negligence causing bodily harm	6
Criminal negligence causing death	7
Criminal negligence in the operation of a motor vehicle	6
Damage to property	1
Dangerous driving without due attention	31
Dangerous operation of a vessel causing bodily harm	4
Dangerous operation of motor vehicle causing bodily harm	31
Dangerous operation of motor vehicle causing death	16
Dangerous operation of motor vehicle, vessel or aircraft	214
Dangerous use of firearm	4
Deal with a firearm or restricted weapon contrary to regulations	3
Deals with credit card obtained by crime	4
Defamatory libel	1
Disarming a peace officer	1
Discharge firearm with intent	2
Discharge firearm with intent to endanger life	1
Disguise with intent	46
Disobey court order	20
Disobey undertaking	2
Disposal of property to defraud creditors	1
Disturbing religious worship or certain meetings	1
Drawing document without authority	1
Drive while impaired causing bodily harm	31
Drive while impaired causing death	7
Driving while ability impaired	1,368
Driving while disqualified	267
Driving while licence suspension	12

Offence	Ordered/ Issued/ Granted
Driving while prohibited	27
Driving with more than 80 mgs of alcohol in 100 ml of blood	2,755
Driving with more than 80 mgs of alcohol in 100 ml of blood causing bodily harm	3
Endanger life	3
Engaging in prostitution	2
Escape lawful custody	52
Excessive force	1
Exercise control	4
Explosives causing death/bodily harm	1
Extortion	28
Fabricating evidence	1
Fail or refuse to provide breath sample	398
Fail to appear	451
Fail to attend court	293
Fail to comply with court order	25
Fail to comply with probation order	959
Fail to comply with recognizance	1,021
Fail to provide the necessities of life	2
Fail to report	1
Failure to comply with conditions of undertaking	453
Failure to stop at scene of accident	129
Failure to stop at the scene of an accident causing bodily harm	8
False alarm of fire	10
False messages	6
False pretences	91
False pretences over \$1000	1
False pretences over \$200	3
False pretences over \$5000	2
False pretences under \$1000	8
False pretences under \$200	3
False pretences under \$5000	17
False statement	2
False statement in relation to passport	2
Falsification of books and documents	2
Firearm transfers/serial numbers	2
Flight while pursued by peace officer	60
Forcible confinement	58
Forcible entry	17
Forge a credit card	3
Forgery	41

Offence	Ordered/ Issued/ Granted
Found in common bawdy-house	11
Fraud	123
Fraud in relation to fares	1
Fraud over \$1000	44
Fraud over \$200	11
Fraud over \$5000	208
Fraud under \$1000	41
Fraud under \$200	10
Fraud under \$50	1
Fraud under \$5000	246
Frauds upon the government	1
Fraudulent use of Certificate of Citizenship	4
Fraudulent use of credit card	11
Fraudulently burning personal or commercial property	1
Fraudulently obtain transportation	16
Fraudulently obtaining food and lodging	22
Fraudulently obtains any computer service	1
Fraudulently taking cattle or defacing brand	1
Gross indecency	3
Handle firearm or restricted weapon contrary to regulations	5
Harassing communications	1
Harassing phone calls	35
Have stolen goods	11
Identity fraud	1
Identity theft	1
Incest	6
Indecent acts	44
Indecent assault on female	10
Indecent assault on male	2
Indecent exposure	3
Indecent telephone calls	2
Infanticide	1
Intercept private communication	1
Intimidation	8
Invitation to sexual touching	7
Juvenile prostitution	2
Keep gaming equipment	2
Keeping a common bawdy-house	14
Keeping a common betting house	1
Keeping a common gaming house	1



Offence	Ordered/ Issued/ Granted
Kidnapping	9
Killing, injuring or endangering other animals	2
Laundering proceeds of crime	4
Living off the avails of prostitution	7
Luring a child	3
Make counterfeit money	3
Manslaughter	15
Mischief	223
Mischief endangering life	6
Mischief over \$1000	45
Mischief over \$5000	50
Mischief to data	1
Mischief to private property	57
Mischief to public property	6
Mischief under \$1000	94
Mischief under \$5000	368
Misleading peace officer	1
Non support	1
Obstruct justice	5
Obstruct peace officer	337
Obstruct public / peace officer	10
Obstruction	129
Obtain credit card by fraud	2
Obtain sexual services for consideration	1
Occupant injuring building	1
Operate vessel, aircraft or railway equipment while ability impaired	2
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 sexual assault with another person	1
Participation in criminal organization	5
Perjury	4
Personating peace officer	6
Personation	2
Personation with intent	106
Pointing a firearm	17
Possession and sale of telecommunication facility	3
Possession contrary to prohibition order	6
Possession of a motor vehicle on which the identification number has been removed or obliterated	1
Possession of a prohibited weapon	39

Offence	Ordered/ Issued/ Granted
Possession of a prohibited weapon in motor vehicle	7
Possession of a restricted weapon	8
Possession of a weapon	141
Possession of a weapon dangerous to the public peace	5
Possession of an offensive weapon	1
Possession of an unregistered restricted firearm	5
Possession of an unregistered restricted weapon	19
Possession of automobile master key	1
Possession of child pornography	16
Possession of counterfeit money	23
Possession of credit card obtained by crime	126
Possession of device to obtain telecommunication	4
Possession of explosives	1
Possession of firearm knowing its possession is unauthorized	9
Possession of firearm knowing that the serial number has been altered	4
Possession of firearm while prohibited	13
Possession of firearm, prohibited or restricted weapon obtained by crime	8
Possession of forged instruments	2
Possession of forged passport	4
Possession of housebreaking instruments	151
Possession of incendiary device	1
Possession of incendiary material	2
Possession of instrument to be used to commit forgery	13
Possession of instruments for breaking into coin-operated devices	9
Possession of instruments for counterfeiting	3
Possession of instruments for forging or falsifying credit card	9
Possession of obscene material for the purpose of distribution	2
Possession of prohibited or restricted firearm with ammunition	36
Possession of prohibited or restricted weapon at unauthorized place	8
Possession of property obtained by crime	263
Possession of property obtained by crime over \$1000	124
Possession of property obtained by crime over \$200	37
Possession of property obtained by crime over \$50	2
Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5000	121
Possession of property obtained by crime under \$1000	112
Possession of property obtained by crime under \$200	44
Possession of property obtained by crime under \$50	2
Possession of property obtained by crime under \$5000	294
Possession of safe-breaking instruments	12
Possession of volatile substance	1

Offence	Ordered/ Issued/ Granted
Proceeds of crime	14
Procures or attempts to procure a person to become a prostitute	1
Procuring	3
Production/distribution of child pornography	1
Prowl at night	2
Public mischief	157
Rape	1
Refuse roadside testing device	2
Refuse to assist peace officer in making an arrest	1
Refuse to provide breath sample	41
Rescue or permitting escape	1
Resist arrest	38
Resist peace officer	14
Restricted weapon in motor vehicle	7
Retaining stolen goods	1
Robbery	268
Robbery with violence	15
Secret commission	2
Sell obscene material	1
Setting fire by negligence	2
Setting fire to other substance	3
Sexual assault	157
Sexual assault causing bodily harm	2
Sexual exploitation	12
Sexual exploitation of a person with a disability	1
Sexual intercourse with a female between 14 and 16 years of age	1
Sexual interference	31
Sexual offence against a child by an act or omission outside Canada	1
Signing document without authority	1
Soliciting	3
Store firearm in a manner contrary to a regulation	21
Take motor vehicle without owner's consent	72
Taking part in a riot	4
Theft	123
Theft by a person having special property or interest	2
Theft by person required to account	2
Theft of auto	11
Theft of credit card	23
Theft of mail	7
Theft of telecommunication service	6

Offence	Ordered/ Issued/ Granted
Theft over \$1000	142
Theft over \$200	140
Theft over \$50	9
Theft over \$5000	161
Theft under \$1000	707
Theft under \$200	326
Theft under \$50	14
Theft under \$5000	1,247
Threatening letter	1
Traffic in a credit card	4
Transfer of firearm to person under sixteen	4
Transporting person to bawdy-house	2
Trespass at night	26
Unauthorized importing/exporting of weapons	1
Unauthorized possession of a firearm	39
Unauthorized possession of a prohibited device or ammunition	3
Unauthorized possession of a prohibited or restricted weapon	45
Unauthorized use of computer	2
Unauthorized use of credit card data	38
Unlawful assembly	3
Unlawful possession of explosives	4
Unlawful use of credit card	8
Unlawfully at large	50
Unlawfully causing bodily harm	2
Unlawfully in dwelling house	36
Unsafe storage of firearms	1
Use cancelled credit card	4
Use of credit card obtained by crime	72
Use of explosives with intent	1
Use of firearm	7
Use of firearm during the commission of an indictable offence	7
Use of imitation firearm	8
Use of imitation firearm during the commission of an indictable offence	15
Use of volatile substance	1
Using mails to defraud	2
Utter death threats	7
Utter forged document	138
Utter forged passport	1
Uttering	4
Uttering counterfeit money	10

<b>Offence</b>	<b>Ordered/ Issued/ Granted</b>
Uttering threats	495
Uttering threats to cause bodily harm	3
Uttering, using or exporting counterfeit money	15
Voyeurism	4
Weapons trafficking	4
Wilful damage	10
Witness giving contradictory evidence	1

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.

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

**7. Number of record suspensions in 2020-2021 ordered by province/territory of residence of the applicant**

<b>Province/Territory</b>	<b>Ordered</b>
Prince Edward Island	5
Nova Scotia	37
New Brunswick	30
Newfoundland and Labrador	14
Quebec	302
Ontario	602
Manitoba	38
Saskatchewan	43
Alberta	253
British Columbia	41
Yukon	2
Northwest Territories	6
Nunavut	3
Out of country	28

Data Source: PBC-PARSS, Data Extraction Date: 2021-04-01

Note: Includes applications received in previous fiscal years, as well as some received in 2020-2021.

**8. Number of pardons issued in 2020-2021 by province/territory of residence of the applicant**

<b>Province/Territory</b>	<b>Issued</b>
Prince Edward Island	10
Nova Scotia	56
New Brunswick	51
Newfoundland and Labrador	82
Quebec	722
Ontario	721

<b>Province/Territory</b>	<b>Issued</b>
Manitoba	65
Saskatchewan	67
Alberta	484
British Columbia	153
Yukon	4
Northwest Territories	10
Nunavut	5
Out of country	39

Data Source: PBC-PARSS, Data Extraction Date: 2021-04-01

Note: Includes applications received in previous fiscal years, as well as some received in 2020-2021.

**9. Number of pardons granted in 2020-2021 by province/territory of residence of the applicant**

<b>Province/Territory</b>	<b>Granted</b>
Prince Edward Island	10
Nova Scotia	90
New Brunswick	69
Newfoundland and Labrador	50
Quebec	1,034
Ontario	2,247
Manitoba	125
Saskatchewan	111
Alberta	552
British Columbia	469
Yukon	7
Northwest Territories	13
Nunavut	1
Out of country	68

Data Source: PBC-PARSS, Data Extraction Date: 2021-04-01

Note: Includes applications received in previous fiscal years, as well as some received in 2020-2021.

**Other information required by the Minister**

Pursuant to paragraph 11(1)(d) 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.