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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 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<sup>3</sup>, the PBC no longer retrospectively applies legislative amendments made to the CRA in 2010 and 2012. In applying this court decision, the PBC processes pardons<sup>4</sup> and record suspensions. This report also contains information related to the above with respect to pardons processed by the PBC during fiscal year 2022-2023. More information on the court decision can be found on page 3 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.

The record suspension program supports the successful reintegration of an individual into society, as it can assist them 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

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<sup>1</sup> Offence that is prosecuted by indictment or is a service offence for which the individual was punished by a fine of more than \$5,000, detention for more than six months, dismissal from His 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 4(1)(a).

<sup>3</sup> See *P.H. v. Canada* (Attorney General), 2020 FC 393.

<sup>4</sup> Prior to legislative amendments in 2012, record suspensions were known as pardons.

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 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*. 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 knowingly made a false or deceptive statement in relation to the application for the record suspension / pardon, or knowingly concealed material 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>5</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.

On December 21, 2021, the Minister of Public Safety announced that effective January 1, 2022, the record suspension application fee would be reduced to \$50. It is not subject to Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustments. By lowering the application fee, access to record suspensions

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<sup>5</sup> Offences under the *Criminal Code of Canada*, other than an offence under subsection 320.14(1) or 320.15(1), or under the *Cannabis Act*, 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.

increased for a greater number of individuals, facilitating access to employment, housing, education and other necessities that support sustained reintegration. The reduction in fee helps alleviate pre-existing barriers for those disproportionately affected by the criminal justice system.

Application fees paid prior to January 1, 2022 include service standards established under the *Service Fees Act*. Specifically, applications involving summary convictions were to be processed within six months of the date of acceptance of the application, while applications involving indictable offences were to be 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/deny, 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. At the end of fiscal year 2022-2023, most applications with a proposal to refuse/deny were still subject to the Board's Remission Policy<sup>6</sup>. Although there are no legislated service standards attached to the \$50 application fee, the PBC continues to process applications in a timely manner and endeavours to adhere to the established processing times noted above.

As part of the record suspension program, the CRA provides for a no-cost record suspension for those with only simple possession of cannabis convictions. Individuals previously convicted of only simple possession of cannabis who have completed 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<sup>7</sup> declared the transitional provisions of amendments to section 4 of the CRA, namely, section 10 of the *Limiting Pardons for 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 retrospectively applies 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 first 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 first offence.

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<sup>6</sup> This policy provides direction to PBC and clarifies its role and responsibilities with respect to monitoring service standards for record suspension applications and providing remission of a percentage of the application fee when these standards are not met. A remission is the refund, credit, waiver or any kind of reimbursement to a fee-payer for a fee or portion of a fee paid in respect of a service for which the organization determines the service standard was not met. The PBC's Remission Policy applies only to applications received between April 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021 with a processing fee of \$657.77 or \$644.88.

<sup>7</sup> See *P.H. v. Canada (Attorney General)*, 2020 FC 393.

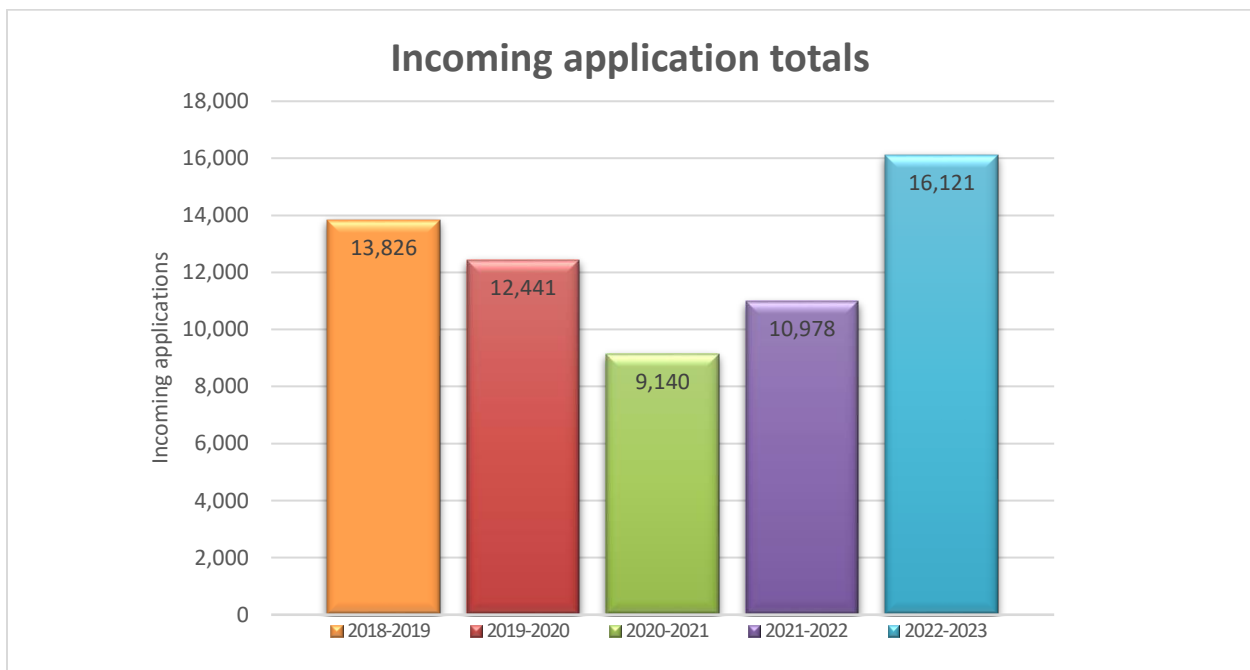
## **Findings for 2022-2023**

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

In 2022-2023, the Board received 16,121 record suspension applications and accepted 11,617 (72%) as eligible and complete. There were 3,267<sup>8</sup> applications (20%) that were rejected at screening due to ineligibility, missing payment, wrong processing fee and/or missing documentation. At the end of the fiscal year, there were 1,237 applications (8%) that had been received, but not yet processed. In the previous fiscal year, 2021-2022, the Board received 10,978 record suspension applications and accepted 7,269 of them (66%) by year-end.

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 first offence, there continue to be fewer applications processed as record suspensions under the current CRA. The majority of applications received in 2022-2023 were processed as pardons under previous versions of the CRA (as it relates to eligibility periods and criteria).

The chart below indicates the number of record suspension applications received in each fiscal year over the last five years: 2018-2019 to 2022-2023.



The PBC observed a significant increase in applications during this reporting period which can be directly attributed to the reduction in application fee in January 2022. This was the highest number of received applications since fiscal year 2012-2013.

<sup>8</sup> This figure includes applications that were discontinued.

## **Record Suspension Decisions**

### **1. Number of applications for record suspensions made in 2022-2023 in respect of offences referred to in 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 2022-2023 in respect of offences referred to in paragraphs 4(1)(a) and (b)**

<b>Indictable offences*</b>	<b>Summary offences**</b>
3	2,066

Data Source: PBC-PARSS<sup>9</sup>, Data Extraction Date: 2023-04-03

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

*\*An indictable conviction offence is an offence that 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 2022-2023 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>
1	1,907	1	47

Data Source: PBC-PARSS, Data Extraction Date: 2023-04-03

Note: Includes applications received in previous fiscal years, as well as some received in 2022-2023.

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

<sup>9</sup> The Pardon and Record Suspension System (PARSS) is the electronic case management system and applicant database for pardon/record suspension decision-making.



**3. Number of applications for pardons made in 2022-2023 in respect of offences referred to in paragraphs 4(1)(a) and (b)**

In 2022-2023, a significant 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>10</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>11</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>12</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>13</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>14</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 2022-2023 in respect of offences referred to in paragraphs 4(1)(a) and (b)**

Indictable offences	Summary offences
5,959	3,589

Data Source: PBC-PARSS, Data Extraction Date: 2023-04-03  
 Note: Excluded are files that were accepted and subsequently discontinued.

<sup>10</sup> Version of CRA (2008-09-12 to 2010-06-28).  
<sup>11</sup> *Idem.*  
<sup>12</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>13</sup> Version of CRA (2011-04-15 to 2012-03-12).  
<sup>14</sup> *Idem.*

**4. Number of pardons<sup>15</sup> that the Board issued, granted or denied in 2022-2023 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))
3,501	3,355	458	175	13

Data Source: PBC-PARSS, Data Extraction Date: 2023-04-03

Note: Includes applications received in previous fiscal years, as well as some received in 2022-2023.

**5. Number of applications for record suspensions made, accepted and ordered in 2022-2023 containing only simple possession of cannabis conviction(s)**

Received	Accepted	Ordered	Discontinued	Ineligible/Incomplete
221	149	148	0	70

Data Source: PBC-PARSS, Data Extraction Date: 2023-04-03

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

**6. Number of record suspensions ordered, pardons issued and granted in 2022-2023 categorized by the offence to which they relate**

Offence	Ordered/ Issued/ Granted
(Cannabis) Breach of the <i>Controlled Drugs and Substances Act</i>	306
(Cannabis) Breach of the <i>Narcotic Control Act</i>	125
Abandoning child	3
Abduction contravening a custody order	4
Abduction of female	1
Abstracts, consumes or uses electricity or gas	4
Access child pornography	5
Accessory after the fact	6
Accessory after the fact to manslaughter	2
Accessory after the fact to murder	1
Accessory after the fact to robbery	1
Accessory after the fact to the commission of an offence	2
Acknowledge bail in false name	1
Acknowledging instrument in false name	2

<sup>15</sup> Pardon schemes of the *Criminal Records Act*: C-47 (prior to or on June 28, 2010) / C-23A (from June 29, 2010 to March 12, 2012).

Offence	Ordered/ Issued/ Granted
Acquire firearm without firearms acquisition certificate	3
Aggravated assault	66
Aggravated sexual assault	1
All breaches of the <i>National Defence Act</i> <sup>16</sup>	38
Anal intercourse	2
Armed robbery	38
Arson	4
Arson - disregard for human life	7
Arson by negligence	3
Arson causing damage to property	28
Assault	1,785
Assault against peace-public officer	78
Assault by trespasser	1
Assault causing bodily harm	409
Assault peace officer	126
Assault with a weapon	350
Assault with intent to commit an indictable offence	1
Assault with intent to resist arrest	50
Assault with intent to steal	3
Attempt break and enter with intent	28
Attempt fraud	21
Attempt fraud over \$5000	8
Attempt fraud under \$5000	29
Attempt robbery	9
Attempt theft	94
Attempt to commit a summary offence	17
Attempt to commit an indictable offence	18
Attempt to obstruct justice	43
Attempted murder	7
Bawdy house	1
Betting house	1
Bookmaking	3
Breach of an undertaking	8
Breach of conditional sentence order	2
Breach of probation	31
Breach of recognizance	39

<sup>16</sup> For former members of the military.

<b>Offence</b>	<b>Ordered/ Issued/ Granted</b>
Breach of the <i>Aeronautics Act</i>	6
Breach of the Atlantic Fishery Regulations	1
Breach of the <i>Bankruptcy Act</i>	1
Breach of the <i>Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act</i>	4
Breach of the <i>Canada Post Corporation Act</i>	1
Breach of the <i>Canada Shipping Act</i>	2
Breach of the <i>Canada Wildlife Act</i>	1
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>	1,597
Breach of the <i>Copyright Act</i>	4
Breach of the <i>Customs Act</i>	16
Breach of the <i>Excise Act</i>	31
Breach of the <i>Explosives Act</i>	1
Breach of the <i>Firearms Act</i>	1
Breach of the <i>Fisheries Act</i>	18
Breach of the <i>Food and Drugs Act</i>	33
Breach of the Government Property Traffic Regulations	1
Breach of the <i>Immigration Act</i>	6
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>	1
Breach of the <i>Liquor Act</i>	2
Breach of the <i>Narcotic Control Act</i>	495
Breach of the <i>National Defence Act</i> <sup>17</sup>	16
Breach of the <i>Railway Act</i>	1
Breach of the <i>Securities Act</i>	1
Breach of the <i>Tobacco Act</i>	1
Breach of the <i>Unemployment Insurance Act</i>	6
Breach of the <i>Weights and Measures Act</i>	1
Breach of the <i>Young Offenders Act</i>	142
Breach of the <i>Youth Criminal Justice Act</i>	69
Breach of trust	1
Breach of trust by public officer	7
Break and enter	28
Break and enter with intent	169

<sup>17</sup> For current members of the military.

<b>Offence</b>	<b>Ordered/ Issued/ Granted</b>
Break, enter and commit	323
Break, enter and commit an indictable offence	40
Break, enter and commit mischief	7
Break, enter and theft	374
Breaking out after committing an indictable offence	1
Bribery of agent	1
Buys or sells instruments for forging or falsifying credit card	2
Care or control of a motor vehicle while ability impaired	128
Care or control of a motor vehicle with more than 80 mg of alcohol in blood	160
Careless storage of firearm, prohibited weapon, prohibited device or ammunition	16
Careless storage of firearms	5
Careless use of firearm	18
Careless use of prohibited weapon, prohibited device or ammunition	16
Carry a concealed weapon	45
Carrying and possession of a firearm	3
Cause a disturbance	137
Cause another person to use forged document	2
Causing bodily harm with intent	2
Causing unnecessary suffering to animals	2
Choking	1
Commission of offence for criminal organization	14
Common assault	18
Common nuisance	4
Communicate for the purpose of prostitution	48
Conduct illegal lottery scheme	1
Conspiracy	65
Conspiracy to commit a summary offence	7
Conspiracy to commit an indictable offence	107
Conspiracy to commit extortion	2
Conspiracy to commit fraud	14
Conspiracy to commit robbery	17
Conspiracy to commit theft	29
Conspiracy to import a narcotic	2
Conspiracy to import a scheduled substance	5
Conspiracy to possession of property obtained by crime	5
Conspiracy to produce a controlled substance	2
Conspiracy to produce a scheduled substance	3
Conspiracy to prosecute a person for an alleged offence	1

<b>Offence</b>	<b>Ordered/ Issued/ Granted</b>
Conspiracy to traffic in a controlled drug	1
Conspiracy to traffic in a controlled substance	7
Conspiracy to traffic in a narcotic	11
Conspiracy to traffic in a scheduled substance	19
Conspiracy to traffic in credit card	2
Conspire to commit murder	1
Contempt	1
Contempt of court	3
Contravene a prohibition order	2
Control money related to betting	1
Conversion data	1
Convey instrument for coining out of mint	2
Counselling an offence that is not committed	2
Counterfeiting currency	2
Counterfeiting stamps	3
Criminal breach of trust	1
Criminal harassment	182
Criminal interest rate	2
Criminal negligence	1
Criminal negligence causing bodily harm	7
Criminal negligence causing death	2
Criminal negligence in the operation of a motor vehicle	1
Damage to property	3
Damage under \$50	1
Dangerous driving	29
Dangerous driving without due attention	1
Dangerous operation of a conveyance	11
Dangerous operation of a vessel causing bodily harm	1
Dangerous operation of motor vehicle causing bodily harm	41
Dangerous operation of motor vehicle causing death	14
Dangerous operation of motor vehicle, vessel or aircraft	180
Dangerous use of firearm	2
Deal with a firearm or restricted weapon contrary to regulations	4
Deals with credit card obtained by crime	4
Disarming a peace officer	3
Discharge firearm with intent	4
Disguise with intent	42
Disobey court order	18

<b>Offence</b>	<b>Ordered/ Issued/ Granted</b>
Disposal of property to defraud creditors	1
Disturb the peace	3
Drive while impaired causing bodily harm	25
Drive while impaired causing death	4
Driving while ability impaired	1,643
Driving while disqualified	327
Driving while licence suspension	3
Driving while prohibited	34
Driving with more than 80 mgs of alcohol in 100 ml of blood	3,099
Driving with more than 80 mgs of alcohol in 100 ml of blood causing bodily harm	3
Endanger life	1
Engage in bookmaking	2
Engaging in prostitution	9
Escape lawful custody	48
Exercise control	1
Exposure to person under age of fourteen years	1
Extortion	26
Fabricating evidence	3
Fail or refuse to provide breath sample	434
Fail to appear	380
Fail to attend court	280
Fail to comply with court order	17
Fail to comply with probation order	1,064
Fail to comply with recognizance	1,109
Fail to provide the necessities of life	1
Fail to report	2
Failure to comply with conditions of undertaking	582
Failure to stop at scene of accident	124
Failure to stop at the scene of an accident causing bodily harm	4
False alarm of fire	4
False messages	4
False pretences	53
False pretences over \$200	1
False pretences under \$1000	22
False pretences under \$200	2
False pretences under \$5000	7
False statement	3
False statement in relation to passport	3

<b>Offence</b>	<b>Ordered/ Issued/ Granted</b>
Falsification of books and documents	1
Firearms possession and other offences	1
Flight while pursued by peace officer	51
Forcible confinement	50
Forcible entry	13
Forcible seizure	1
Forge a credit card	6
Forgery	84
Forgery of a trade-mark	5
Found in common bawdy-house	13
Found in common betting house	1
Found in common gaming house	1
Fraud	96
Fraud over \$1000	35
Fraud over \$200	19
Fraud over \$5000	195
Fraud under \$1000	45
Fraud under \$200	13
Fraud under \$5000	333
Fraudulent manipulation of stock exchange transactions	2
Fraudulent use of Certificate of Citizenship	2
Fraudulent use of credit card	14
Fraudulent use of telecommunications	1
Fraudulently obtain transportation	18
Fraudulently obtaining food and lodging	12
Fraudulently obtains any computer service	1
Gross indecency	3
Handle firearm or restricted weapon contrary to regulations	9
Harassing communications	2
Harassing phone calls	30
Have stolen goods	7
Identity fraud	12
Identity theft	4
Import, export, buy or sell prohibited weapon	1
Incest	1
Indecent acts	37
Indecent assault on female	5
Indecent assault on male	2



<b>Offence</b>	<b>Ordered/ Issued/ Granted</b>
Indecent exhibition	1
Indecent exposure	6
Induce any person to stake or hazard on the result of a punch board	1
Inmate of a common bawdy-house	3
Intimidation	14
Invitation to sexual touching	9
Juvenile prostitution	1
Keep gaming equipment	1
Keeping a common bawdy-house	9
Keeping a common betting house	1
Keeping a common gaming house	6
Kidnapping	7
Killing an animal	1
Killing other animals	1
Killing, injuring or endangering other animals	2
Laundering proceeds of crime	10
Living on avails of prostitution of a person under 18	1
Living on the avails of prostitution	4
Loitering	2
Lotteries and games of chance	2
Luring a child	5
Make counterfeit money	6
Manslaughter	15
Mischief	190
Mischief endangering life	2
Mischief over \$1000	35
Mischief over \$200	1
Mischief over \$5000	53
Mischief to data	1
Mischief to private property	43
Mischief to public property	3
Mischief under \$1000	69
Mischief under \$200	1
Mischief under \$5000	443
Murder 1st degree	1
Non support	1
Obstruct justice	12
Obstruct peace officer	333

<b>Offence</b>	<b>Ordered/ Issued/ Granted</b>
Obstruction	134
Obtain credit card by fraud	1
Obtain sexual services for consideration	5
Occupant of motor vehicle who knows contains a prohibited weapon	2
Operate vessel, aircraft or railway equipment while ability impaired	3
Operate vessel, aircraft or railway equipment with more than 80mg of alcohol in blood	3
Overcoming resistance to commission of offence	1
Participation in criminal organization	5
Party to an illegal scheme	1
Party to an offence	2
Passes off other wares or services with intent to deceive or defraud	2
Perjury	1
Personating peace officer	2
Personation	4
Personation at examination	2
Personation with intent	91
Pointing a firearm	23
Possession contrary to prohibition order	11
Possession of a motor vehicle on which the identification number has been removed or obliterated	1
Possession of a prohibited weapon	36
Possession of a prohibited weapon in motor vehicle	4
Possession of a restricted weapon	18
Possession of a weapon	155
Possession of a weapon dangerous to the public peace	7
Possession of ammunition while prohibited	3
Possession of an identity document	3
Possession of an imitation of a weapon	2
Possession of an unregistered restricted firearm	5
Possession of an unregistered restricted weapon	11
Possession of automobile master key	1
Possession of child pornography	29
Possession of counterfeit money	23
Possession of credit card obtained by crime	135
Possession of device to obtain telecommunication	2
Possession of exchequer bill	2
Possession of explosives	1

<b>Offence</b>	<b>Ordered/ Issued/ Granted</b>
Possession of firearm elsewhere then in dwelling house without a permit	1
Possession of firearm knowing its possession is unauthorized	10
Possession of firearm knowing that the serial number has been altered	2
Possession of firearm while prohibited	7
Possession of firearm, prohibited or restricted weapon obtained by crime	1
Possession of forged instruments	1
Possession of forged passport	1
Possession of housebreaking instruments	136
Possession of instrument to be used to commit forgery	9
Possession of instruments for breaking into coin-operated devices	3
Possession of instruments for counterfeiting	1
Possession of instruments for forging or falsifying credit card	10
Possession of obscene material for the purpose of distribution	1
Possession of prohibited or restricted firearm with ammunition	26
Possession of prohibited or restricted weapon at unauthorized place	5
Possession of property obtained by crime	187
Possession of property obtained by crime over \$1000	79
Possession of property obtained by crime over \$200	32
Possession of property obtained by crime over \$50	3
Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5000	163
Possession of property obtained by crime under \$1000	77
Possession of property obtained by crime under \$200	22
Possession of property obtained by crime under \$50	3
Possession of property obtained by crime under \$5000	339
Possession of safe-breaking instruments	4
Prison breach	1
Proceeds of crime	8
Procures to make an identity document	4
Procuring	1
Production/distribution of child pornography	5
Prowl at night	1
Public mischief	131
Publish defamatory libel	1
Rape	6
Refuse roadside testing device	1
Refuse to provide breath sample	30
Removal of child 16 or more but under 18 from Canada for sexual purpose	1
Rescue or permitting escape	7

<b>Offence</b>	<b>Ordered/ Issued/ Granted</b>
Resist arrest	40
Resist peace officer	20
Robbery	223
Robbery with violence	18
Secret commission	1
Setting fire to other substance	2
Sexual assault	153
Sexual assault causing bodily harm	3
Sexual assault with a weapon	5
Sexual exploitation	13
Sexual exploitation of a person with a disability	1
Sexual intercourse with a female under 14 years	1
Sexual interference	32
Show obscene movies	1
Signing document without authority	2
Sodomy	1
Store firearm in a manner contrary to a regulation	26
Take motor vehicle without owner's consent	37
Taking part in a riot	4
Theft	120
Theft by person required to account	7
Theft of auto	11
Theft of credit card	29
Theft of mail	10
Theft of telecommunication service	4
Theft over \$1000	111
Theft over \$200	85
Theft over \$50	9
Theft over \$5000	163
Theft under \$1000	507
Theft under \$200	196
Theft under \$50	8
Theft under \$5000	1,332
Threatening phone calls	4
Traffic in a credit card	4
Transfer a prohibited weapon, ammunition or device without authority	2
Traps likely to cause bodily harm	1
Treasury bills paper	3

<b>Offence</b>	<b>Ordered/ Issued/ Granted</b>
Trespass at night	23
Unauthorized importing/exporting of weapons	1
Unauthorized possession of a firearm	40
Unauthorized possession of a prohibited device or ammunition	2
Unauthorized possession of a prohibited or restricted weapon	65
Unauthorized use of computer	7
Unauthorized use of credit card data	49
Unlawful assembly	2
Unlawful possession of explosives	4
Unlawful use of credit card	3
Unlawful use of military uniforms	1
Unlawfully at large	59
Unlawfully causing bodily harm	5
Unlawfully in dwelling house	41
Use cancelled credit card	5
Use of credit card obtained by crime	50
Use of explosives with intent	1
Use of firearm	8
Use of firearm during the commission of an indictable offence	10
Use of imitation firearm	3
Use of imitation firearm during the commission of an indictable offence	15
Use, possess, or traffic a password to a computer in order to commit an offence	1
Utter death threats	8
Utter forged document	150
Uttering	2
Uttering counterfeit money	20
Uttering threats	577
Uttering threats to cause bodily harm	6
Uttering, using or exporting counterfeit money	9
Voyeurism	14
Weapons trafficking	2
Wilful damage	8
Within two hours of ceasing to operate a conveyance is impaired with BAC equal or over 80mgs	1
Wounding with intent	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 2022-2023 ordered by province/territory of residence of the applicant**

<b>Province/Territory</b>	<b>Ordered</b>
Prince Edward Island	4
Nova Scotia	44
New Brunswick	32
Newfoundland and Labrador	25
Quebec	541
Ontario	890
Manitoba	40
Saskatchewan	46
Alberta	218
British Columbia	42
Yukon	4
Northwest Territories	2
Nunavut	1
Out of country	19

Data Source: PBC-PARSS, Data Extraction Date: 2023-04-03

Note: Includes applications received in previous fiscal years, as well as some received in 2022-2023.

**8. Number of pardons issued in 2022-2023 by province/territory of residence of the applicant**

<b>Province/Territory</b>	<b>Issued</b>
Prince Edward Island	13
Nova Scotia	73
New Brunswick	64
Newfoundland and Labrador	78
Quebec	1,064
Ontario	1,315
Manitoba	52
Saskatchewan	77
Alberta	447
British Columbia	272
Yukon	3
Northwest Territories	6
Nunavut	4
Out of country	33

Data Source: PBC-PARSS, Data Extraction Date: 2023-04-03

Note: Includes applications received in previous fiscal years, as well as some received in 2022-2023.

**9. Number of pardons granted in 2022-2023 by province/territory of residence of the applicant**

<b>Province/Territory</b>	<b>Granted</b>
Prince Edward Island	13
Nova Scotia	72
New Brunswick	54
Newfoundland and Labrador	57
Quebec	1,336
Ontario	1,319
Manitoba	114
Saskatchewan	67
Alberta	446
British Columbia	272
Yukon	4
Northwest Territories	7
Nunavut	1
Out of country	51

Data Source: PBC-PARSS, Data Extraction Date: 2023-04-03

Note: Includes applications received in previous fiscal years, as well as some received in 2022-2023.

**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.