

COMMON PENALTIES IMPOSED

CONVICTED, NOT FURTHER PUNISHED

YOU ARE CONVICTED OF THE CHARGE, BUT NO OTHER ACTION IS TAKEN AGAINST YOU.

If the court is satisfied you have broken the law, the court can convict you of breaking law and take no further action (such as recording a conviction or imposing a fine)

FINE

THE COURT FINES YOU.

The court may fine you, you may have to pay the fine in a set period of time and risk imprisonment if you do not pay the fine, the fine might be deferred to SPER to be paid of over a period of time.

Failure to pay SPER debt can have significant consequences such as suspension of driver's licenses and other orders.

PROBATION

THE COURT ORDERS YOU BE SUPERVISED BY PROBATION

Probation is where you are supervised by a probation officer. Probation is a service to assist you with addressing underlying problems contributing to the offending such as substance abuse, or seeking counselling. A probation order is more of an effort to support you, rather than punish you. You must agree to a probation order before it is made.

SUSPENDED SENTENCE

IMPRISONMENT, WHOLLY OR PARTLY SUSPENDED

A term of 5 years imprisonment or less, either suspended immediately or after serving a period in a correctional centre for a period of time. If you are convicted of further charges punishable by imprisonment during the time the sentence is suspended, you may have to serve the whole or part of the original period of imprisonment imposed, in addition the sentence of the new offences.

IMPRISONMENT AND PAROLE

A PERIOD OF TIME IN PRISON

After imposing a term of imprisonment, the court will usually set a parole release date or a parole eligibility date when you are eligible to apply to the Parole Board Queensland for release on parole. Once on parole, it is considered a period of imprisonment served in the community. Parole may return you to a correctional centre without going to court if you breach the parole conditions or commit further offences while on parole.



LIKE YOUR FINGERPRINT, YOUR MATTERS ARE UNIQUE

Every case is different. All the above, none of the above or many other considerations might be relevant.

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