

*These notes relate to the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016  
(asp 1) which received Royal Assent on 13 January 2016*

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2016

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### OVERVIEW OF THE ACT

#### **Part 4 – Sentencing**

#### **Maximum term for weapons offences**

#### *Section 84 – Maximum term for weapons offences*

218. The Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995 provides for the following offences:
- carrying an offensive weapon in a public place (section 47);
  - possessing an article with a blade or point in a public place (section 49);
  - possessing an article with a blade or point (or weapons) on school premises (section 49A);
  - having an offensive weapon etc. in prison (section 49C).
219. [Section 84](#) of the Act increases the maximum penalty for each of those offences from 4 to 5 years.