



**Alberta  
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**Provincial Court of Alberta**

# **Youth Appeals And Reviews**



## **What if I don't agree with what the judge did?**

If you don't think the judge should have found you guilty or if you don't agree with the punishment, you can appeal to a higher court. If the Crown Prosecutor feels you should have been found guilty or if he/she doesn't agree with your punishment, the Crown can also appeal to a higher court.

Appeals must usually be filed within 30 days of the punishment being imposed.

If an appeal is filed, the conditions of the original punishment must still be complied with, unless the higher court says otherwise.

Appeals can be very complicated and you should talk to a lawyer as soon as possible.

## **What if I can't do what the judge ordered?**

You should contact your probation officer. The judge may be able to give you a different punishment or extend the time to complete your first punishment. You must do this before the punishment should be finished.

Several forms need to be completed before the judge will hear the matter. If the probation officer does not feel the punishment should be reviewed, you will have to complete the forms yourself. Your parent or your spouse may apply for a review on your behalf.

## **What are the reasons for applying for a review?**

You can apply for a review if:

- your circumstances have changed greatly.
- you are unable to complete, or are having problems completing the terms of the penalty.
- the terms of the penalty are making it difficult for you to obtain services, go to school, or get a job.
- the court considers a review appropriate.

## **What can the judge do at the review hearing?**

The judge will listen to everyone present. The judge may also read any reports about you that have been updated since the penalty took effect.

The judge may:

- confirm the penalty.
- end the penalty.
- change the penalty.

## **Can all penalties be reviewed?**

All youth penalties can be reviewed. To find out how to do this, contact your lawyer, probation officer, or court office. If you received an adult sentence, it cannot be reviewed.

## **What is a mandatory review?**

If you are placed in custody (jail) for longer than one year, the Provincial Director (the person in charge of the jail) must make an application to have the penalty reviewed at the end of the year.

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