

2012) or where it is not yet in force for all or some purposes. If no commencement information is given at provision level then the provision in question was brought into force for all purposes before 1 July 2012. The exception to this rule is the Companies Act 2006 itself, which includes commencement information for every section and Schedule.

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Standard Scale; Statutory Maximum

There are numerous references to the standard scale, and to the statutory maximum, throughout the legislation contained in this Handbook. For reasons of space, notes have not been made at every place where the references appear, but users should refer back to this note.

The standard scale is the scale set out in the Criminal Justice Act 1982, s 37(2), but different amounts may be substituted by order under the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s 143. The scale (as substituted by the Criminal Justice Act 1991, s 17(1), as from 1 October 1992) is: level 1 £200; level 2 £500; level 3 £1,000; level 4 £2,500; and level 5 £5,000.

The statutory maximum is the prescribed sum within the meaning of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s 32. Section 32(9) of the 1980 Act (as amended by the Criminal Justice Act 1991, s 17(2)(c), as from 1 October 1992), provides that the prescribed sum is £5,000, but a different sum may be substituted by order under s 143 of the 1980 Act.

See also (with regard to level 5 on the standard scale and the statutory maximum) the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012, s 85(1) which provides "where, on the commencement day, a relevant offence would, apart from this subsection, be punishable on summary conviction by a fine or maximum fine of £5,000 or more (however expressed), the offence is punishable on summary conviction on or after that day by a fine of any amount".

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