



## Sentencing Amendment Act 2013

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Commencement see section 2

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### The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

- 1 Title**  
This Act is the Sentencing Amendment Act 2013.
- 2 Commencement**  
This Act comes into force on 1 July 2013.
- 3 Principal Act**  
This Act amends the Sentencing Act 2002 (the **principal Act**).

**4 Section 81B amended (Procedure if offender convicted in District Court and court believes offender could be sentenced to life imprisonment)**

In section 81B(2) (as inserted by section 5 of the Sentencing Amendment Act (No 2) 2011), replace “endorse on the charging document a statement” with “make an entry in the permanent court record”.

**5 Section 90 amended (Procedure if offender convicted in District Court and court believes offender could be sentenced to preventive detention)**

Replace section 90(2) (as amended by section 7 of the Sentencing Amendment Act (No 2) 2011) with:

“(2) The court must transfer the offender to the High Court for sentence and make an entry in the permanent court record to the effect that the court has declined jurisdiction on the ground that it has reason to believe that the offender should be considered for a sentence of preventive detention.”

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**Legislative history**

8 May 2013	Divided from Criminal Procedure Legislation Bill (Bill 74–2) by committee of the whole House as Bill 74–3H
30 May 2013	Third reading
6 June 2013	Royal assent

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This Act is administered by the Ministry of Justice.

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