

299.7 *To obtain employment etc.*

R v Aberemi 2018 EWCA Crim 1502 D pleaded to possession of an ID document (section 4(1) and (2)) and working when disqualified (4 months concurrent, no appeal). In 2013, D arrived in the UK on a student's visa to attend university. He didn't attend there. In 2014, his leave to remain was revoked. D remained. On 16 August 2017, D went to a recruitment agency and showed them a false Dutch ID card, which it was inferred he had obtained quite recently. He was checked out and the ID was considered suspicious. On 1 September 2017, D went to another agency and he was able to work in a brewery for about 10 weeks earning about £2,875. He was arrested and co-operated with the police. He said he paid a friend £350 for the ID. D was aged 38 and of good character. Held. The use of the ID card was limited to obtaining work. If the Judge had been shown *R v Ovierakhi* 2009 EWCA Crim 452, 2 Cr App R (S) 91 (p 607), he would have not started at 2 years. We start at 12 months, so 9 months with the mitigation, making **6 months** with the plea discount, not 14 months.