



# Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016

## 2016 asp 1

### PART 1

#### ARREST AND CUSTODY

#### CHAPTER 6

#### POLICE POWERS AND DUTIES

##### *Powers of police*

#### **48 Power of search etc. on arrest**

- (1) A constable may exercise in relation to a person to whom subsection (2) applies any power of the type described in section 47(2) which the constable would be able to exercise by virtue of a rule of law if the person had been charged with the relevant offence by a constable.
- (2) This subsection applies to a person who—
  - (a) is in police custody having been arrested without a warrant, and
  - (b) has not, since being arrested, been charged with an offence by a constable.
- (3) In subsection (1), “the relevant offence” means the offence in connection with which the person is in police custody.

#### **Commencement Information**

**II** S. 48 in force at 25.1.2018 by [S.S.I. 2017/345](#), art. 3, [sch.](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016, Section 48 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 14 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Act expiry of affecting provision 2022 asp 8, sch. para. 15 by [S.S.I. 2023/360 reg. 2\(a\)](#)