

*These notes refer to the Justice Act (Northern Ireland)
2015 (c.9) which received Royal Assent on 24 July 2015*

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 9: Miscellaneous

Jury Service

Section 77: Removal of maximum age for jury service

This section abolishes the upper the age limit for jury service, making everyone over 18 qualified for jury service.

Section 78: Preparation of jury lists

This section removes the duty on the Chief Electoral Officer not to select for inclusion in divisional jury lists those electors whose names have been furnished by the Juries Officer as being disqualified, ineligible or excused.

Section 79: Persons disqualified for jury service

This section adds to the categories of persons disqualified for jury service persons who have received an indeterminate custodial sentence.

Section 80: Persons ineligible for jury service

This section updates the list of persons ineligible for jury service: paragraph (2) adds members and staff of the National Crime Agency; and paragraph (3) removes persons “appointed for the purposes of Article 7(6) of the Treatment of Offenders (NI) Order 1976” and members of the Royal Irish Regiment.

Section 81: Persons excusable as of right from jury service

This section updates the list of persons excusable from jury service as of right: paragraph (2) replaces “Representatives to the European Parliament” with “Members of the European Parliament”; paragraph (3) replaces “the Secretary and any Director of the Northern Ireland Audit Office” with “The Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland and any Assistant Auditor General for Northern Ireland”; and paragraph (4) replaces “persons aged between 65 and 70 years” with “persons aged over 70 years”.