
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1976 No. 226

Treatment of Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1976

PART I INTRODUCTORY

Interpretation

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 shall apply to Article 1 and the following provisions of this Order as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(2) In this Order—

Definition rep. by 1982 NI 10

Definition rep. by 1996 NI 24

“court” does not include a court-martial [^{F1} or a Standing Civilian Court established under the Armed Forces Act 1976];

“enactment” includes any statutory provision within the meaning of section 1(f) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954;

“prison rules” means rules made under section 13 of the Prison Act (Northern Ireland) 1953 ;

Definition rep. by 1996 NI 24

“sentence of imprisonment”, does not include a committal in default of payment of any sum of money, or for want of sufficient distress to satisfy any sum of money, or for failure to do or abstain from doing anything required to be done or left undone;

“young offenders centre” has the meaning assigned to it by section 2(a) of the Treatment of Offenders Act (Northern Ireland) 1968 .

Para. (3) rep. by 1996 NI 24

(4) For the purposes of any reference (however expressed) in this Order to a term of imprisonment or to a term of detention in a young offenders centre, consecutive terms shall be treated as a single term.

(5) For the purposes of any reference in this Order to a sentence of imprisonment or detention in a young offenders centre, that reference includes—

- (a) a sentence or term passed by a court in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man;
- (b) in the case of imprisonment, a sentence passed by a court-martial on a person found guilty of a civil offence (within the meaning of the Army Act 1955 , the Air Force Act 1955 or the Naval Discipline Act 1957).

F1 1976 c. 52

Changes to legislation:

Treatment of Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, Section 2 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 23 August 2023. 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 :

- Instrument am (prosp) by [S.I. 1994/2795 \(N.I.\) art.3\(5\)Sch.1](#)
- Instrument am (prosp) by [S.I. 1994/2795 \(N.I.\) art.26\(1\)Sch.2 para 6](#)

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

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- art.7(10) rev in pt (prosp) by [S.I. 1994/2795 \(N.I.\) art.26\(2\)Sch.3](#)