

---

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

---

**2003 No. 1247 (N.I. 13)**

**The Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003**

- - - - 8th May 2003

**THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2003**

PART I

INTRODUCTORY

1. Title and commencement
2. Interpretation

PART II

BAIL IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

3. Bail
4. Surrender to custody
5. Offence of absconding by person released on bail
6. Arrest for absconding or breaking conditions of bail
7. Cases where person not to be released from police detention
8. Bail under Part V of the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989
9. Power to grant bail where police bail has been granted
10. Reconsideration of decisions granting bail

PART III

TIME LIMITS

11. Introductory
12. Preliminary stages of criminal proceedings
13. Supplementary provisions
14. Appeals
15. Additional time limits for persons under 18
16. Re-institution of stayed proceedings
17. Regulations

**Changes to legislation:** There are outstanding changes not yet made by the legislation.gov.uk editorial team to The Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003. Any changes that have already been made by the team appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) [View outstanding changes](#)

PART IV  
SEXUAL OFFENCES

18. Rape
19. Buggery
20. Assault with intent to commit buggery
21. Indecent assault on a male
22. Penalty for indecent conduct towards child
23. Abolition of presumption of sexual incapacity

PART V  
MISCELLANEOUS

24. Forfeiture of recognizances
25. Amendment of summons before it is served
26. Non-appearance of accused: plea of guilty
27. Period of remand
28. Riotous behaviour: increase of maximum term of imprisonment
29. Riotous behaviour: exclusion of right to claim trial by jury
30. Riotous behaviour: arrest without warrant
31. Evidence through live links
32. Disclosure of pre-sentence reports
33. Adjournment where live television links used
34. Payment for person appointed to cross-examine witness on behalf of accused
35. Approval of costs of prosecution of certain criminal proceedings  
Article 36—Amendments and repeals

---

SCHEDULES

- Schedule 1—Amendments Schedule 2—Repeals  
Schedule 1—Amendments  
Schedule 2—Repeals

### Changes to legislation:

There are outstanding changes not yet made by the legislation.gov.uk editorial team to The Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003. Any changes that have already been made by the team appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

[View outstanding changes](#)

### Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- Sch. 1 para. 1 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(d\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 2 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(d\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 4 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(d\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 5 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(d\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 6 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(d\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 7 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(d\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 8 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(d\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 9 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(d\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 10 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(d\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 11 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(d\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 12 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(d\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 13 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(d\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 14 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(d\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 15 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(d\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 17 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(d\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 18 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(d\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 19 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(d\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 20 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(d\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 21 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(d\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 22 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(d\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 23 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(d\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 24 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(d\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 25 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(d\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 11 repealed by [S.I. 2007/288 \(N.I.\) Sch. 2](#) (Amendment not carried through - relevant text not available on SLD.)
- Sch. 1 para. 4 repealed by [S.I. 2008/1769 \(N.I.\) Sch. 1 para. 32\(f\)Sch. 3](#) (Amendment not carried through - relevant text not available on SLD.)
- Sch. 1 para. 6(c) repealed by [S.I. 2008/1769 \(N.I.\) Sch. 1 para. 32\(f\)Sch. 3](#) (Amendment not carried through - relevant text not available on SLD.)
- Sch. 1 para. 7 repealed by [S.I. 2008/1769 \(N.I.\) Sch. 1 para. 32\(f\)Sch. 3](#) (Amendment not carried through - relevant text not available on SLD.)
- Sch. 1 para. 9 repealed by [S.I. 2008/1769 \(N.I.\) Sch. 1 para. 32\(f\)Sch. 3](#) (Amendment not carried through - relevant text not available on SLD.)
- Sch. 1 para. 22 repealed by [S.I. 2008/1769 \(N.I.\) Sch. 1 para. 32\(f\)Sch. 3](#) (Amendment not carried through - relevant text not available on SLD.)
- Sch. 2 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(e\)](#)
- art. 18 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(a\)](#)
- art. 19 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(a\)](#)
- art. 20 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(a\)](#)
- art. 21 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(a\)](#)
- art. 22 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(a\)](#)
- art. 23 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(a\)](#)
- art. 24 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(a\)](#)
- art. 25 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(a\)](#)
- art. 26 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(a\)](#)
- art. 27 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(a\)](#)
- art. 31 repealed by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) Sch. 9 Pt. 4](#)
- art. 32 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 3](#)
- art. 33 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(b\)](#)
- art. 34 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(b\)](#)

- art. 35 coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(b\)](#)
- art. 36(1) coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(c\)](#)
- art. 36(2) coming into force by [S.R. 2003/352 art. 2\(e\)](#)

**Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the The Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003**

Commencement Orders bringing legislation that affects this Order into force:

- [S.R. 2016/387 art. 2](#) commences (2015 c. 9 (N.I.))