
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2003 No. 417

**The Protection of Children and Vulnerable
Adults (Northern Ireland) Order 2003**

PART II

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

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DISQUALIFICATION FROM WORKING WITH CHILDREN

Disqualification orders

Disqualification of adults from working with children

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23.—^{F1}(1) This Article applies where either of the conditions set out below is satisfied in the case of an individual.

(2) The first condition is that—

- (a) the individual is convicted on indictment of an offence against a child committed when he was aged 18 or over, and
- (b) a qualifying sentence is imposed by the court in respect of the conviction.

(3) The second condition is that—

- (a) the individual is charged on indictment with an offence against a child committed when he was aged 18 or over, and
- (b) a relevant order is made by the court in respect of the act or omission charged against him as the offence.

(4) Subject to paragraph (5), the court must order the individual to be disqualified from working with children.

(5) An order shall not be made under this Article if the court is satisfied, having regard to all the circumstances, that it is unlikely that the individual will commit any further offence against a child.

(6) If the court does not make an order under this Article, it must state its reasons for not doing so and cause those reasons to be included in the record of the proceedings.]

F1 Arts. 1-2, 22-34 repealed (12.10.2009 for specified purposes, 7.4.2010 for specified purposes, otherwise prosp.) by [Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/1351 \(N.I. 11\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 60(2), [Sch. 8](#) (with arts. 2(4), 53, 57(3), 61(4)); S.R. 2009/346, [art. 4](#) (with arts. 5, 6, 7 (as amended by S.R. 2010/145, arts. 6, 7, 8)); S.R. 2010/145, [art. 3](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, Section 23.