
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

The Access to Justice (2003 Order) (Commencement No. 8) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015 brought into operation certain provisions of the Access to Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 regarding criminal defence services. This Order brings into operation on 24th March 2016 certain further provisions regarding such services.

The provisions are commenced only in respect of appeals, including applications for leave to appeal, brought under Part 1 (appeal to the Court of Appeal from the Crown Court) and Part 2 (appeal to the Supreme Court from the Court of Appeal) of the Criminal Appeal (Northern Ireland) Act 1980, and the other proceedings specified in Schedule 2 to the Commencement No. 8 Order. There are also consequential repeals of the remaining legal aid provisions in the 1980 Act.