



Murder (Abolition of Death Penalty) Act 1965

1965 CHAPTER 71

1 Abolition of death penalty for murder.

(1) No person shall suffer death for murder, and a person convicted of murder shall ^{F1} . . . be sentenced to imprisonment for life.

^{F2}(2)

(3) For the purpose of any proceedings on or subsequent to a person's trial on a charge of capital murder, that charge and any plea or finding of guilty of capital murder shall be treated as being or having been a charge, or a plea or finding of guilty, of murder only; and if at the commencement of this Act a person is under sentence of death for murder, the sentence shall have effect as a sentence of imprisonment for life.

^{F3}(4)

^{F4}(5)

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 1(1) repealed (25.8.2000) by [2000 c. 6, ss. 165\(4\), 168, Sch. 12 Pt. I](#) (with [Sch. 11 paras. 1, 2](#))
- F2** S. 1(2) repealed (18.12.2003) by [Criminal Justice Act 2003 \(c. 44\), s. 336\(2\), Sch. 37 Pt. 8](#)
- F3** [S. 1\(4\)](#) repealed (28.3.2009 for specified purposes, 31.10.2009 in so far as not already in force) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\), s. 383\(2\), Sch. 17](#); [S.I. 2009/812, art. 3\(a\)\(b\)](#) (with transitional provisions in [S.I. 2009/1059](#)); [S.I. 2009/1167, art. 4](#)
- F4** S. 1(5) repealed (25.8.2000) by [2000 c. 6, ss. 165\(4\), 168, Sch. 12 Pt. I](#) (with [Sch. 11 paras. 1, 2](#))

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 1(1)(2)(3) repealed (S.) except so far as relating to courts-martial, by [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21\), Sch. 10 Pt. I](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Murder (Abolition of Death Penalty) Act 1965, Section 1.