



# Immigration Act 1971

## 1971 CHAPTER 77

### PART III

#### CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

#### [<sup>F1</sup>24A Deception.

- (1) A person who is not a British citizen is guilty of an offence if, by means which include deception by him—
  - (a) he obtains or seeks to obtain [<sup>F2</sup>—
    - (i)] leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom[<sup>F3</sup>, or
    - (ii) an ETA]; or
  - (b) he secures or seeks to secure the avoidance, postponement or revocation of enforcement action against him.
- (2) “Enforcement action”, in relation to a person, means—
  - (a) the giving of directions for his removal from the United Kingdom (“directions”) under Schedule 2 to this Act or section 10 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
  - (b) the making of a deportation order against him under section 5 of this Act; or
  - (c) his removal from the United Kingdom in consequence of directions or a deportation order.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable—
  - (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum, or to both; or
  - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine, or to both.
- (4) [<sup>F4</sup>.....]

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### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 24A inserted (14.2.2000) by 1999 c. 33, s. 28; S.I. 2000/168, art. 2, Sch. (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, **art. 2**, Sch.)
- F2** Word in s. 24A(1)(a) inserted (28.6.2022) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), **ss. 75(3)(a)**, 87(1); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 26
- F3** S. 24A(1)(a)(ii) and word inserted (28.6.2022) by Nationality and Borders Act 2022 (c. 36), **ss. 75(3)(b)**, 87(1); S.I. 2022/590, regs. 1(2), 2, Sch. 1 para. 26
- F4** S. 24A(4) repealed (10.2.2003) by 2002 c. 41, ss. 156(2), 161, Sch. 9 (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/1, **art. 2**, Sch.

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Pt. 3 modified by Immigration Act 2014 (c. 22), s. 33C(6) (as inserted (1.11.2016 for specified purposes, 1.12.2016 in so far as not already in force) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), **ss. 39(2)**, 94(1); S.I. 2016/1037, regs. 2(a), 5(c))
- C2** S. 24A modified (11.11.1999) by 1999 c. 33, ss. 31(1)(2)(3)(b)(4)(c), 170(3) (which amending provision is extended (with modifications) to Jersey (5.6.2003) by S.I. 2003/1252, **art. 2**, Sch.)
- C3** Ss. 24-29: amendment to earlier affecting S.I. 1993/1797, Sch. 1 Pt. 1 (11.10.2017 coming into force in accordance with art. 1) by The Immigration (Jersey) (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/981), **Sch. Pt. 1 para. 1** (with art. 6)

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

- Act applied by [2008 c. 4 s. 133\(7\)\(8\)](#)

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

- s. 10(1A)(1B) inserted by [1999 c. 33 Sch. 14 para. 47\(3\)](#)
- s. 24(1)(fa) inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 10\(2\)](#)
- s. 24C-24F inserted by [2016 c. 19 s. 44\(2\)](#)
- s. 26A(1)(b)(ia) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 25](#)
- s. 27(1)(aa) inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 10\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 27(1)(ba) inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 10\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 28CA(1)(bb) substituted for word in s. 28CA(1)(b) by [2016 c. 19 s. 44\(5\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 27B(4A) inserted by [2004 c. 19 s. 16](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 26(4) inserted by [2016 c. 19 s. 74\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1A inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 13](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 11A inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 10\(4\)](#)