



# Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

## 1974 CHAPTER 53

An Act to rehabilitate offenders who have not been reconvicted of any serious offence for periods of years, to penalise the unauthorised disclosure of their previous convictions, to amend the law of defamation, and for purposes connected therewith. [31st July 1974]

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Act modified (1.7.1992) by Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988 (c. 53, SIF 107:1), **ss. 58, 77(7)**, as substituted (1.7.1992) by Road Traffic Act 1991 (c. 40, SIF 107:1), **s. 34**; S.I. 1992/1286, art. 2, **Sch.** Act modified (1.4.2009) by Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988 (c. 53), s. 58A(1) (as inserted by Road Safety Act 2006 (c. 49), ss. 9(2), 61(1), **Sch. 2 para. 17**; S.I. 2008/3164, **art. 4(b)**) Act modified (1.4.2009) by Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988 (c. 53), s. 77A(9) (as inserted by Road Safety Act 2006 (c. 49), ss. 9(2), 61(1), **Sch. 2 para. 27**; S.I. 2008/3164, **art. 4(b)**)
- C2** Act (except section 1(2)) modified by Repatriation of Prisoners Act 1984 (c. 47, SIF 39:1), s. 3, **Sch. para. 6(a)**
- C3** Act excluded by Financial Services Act 1986 (c. 60, SIF 69), **s. 189(1)** Act excluded (15.12.2011) by Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures Act 2011 (c. 23), ss. 25, 31(2), **Sch. 6 para. 10(2)** (with Sch. 8)
- C4** By Criminal Justice Act 1991 (c. 53, SIF 39:1), s. 101(1), **Sch. 12 para. 23**; S.I. 1991/2208, art. 2(1), **Sch. 1** it is provided (14.10.1991) that in relation to any time before the commencement of s. 70 of that 1991 Act (which came into force on 1.10.1992 by S.I. 1992/333, art. 2(2), **Sch. 2**) references in any enactment amended by that 1991 Act, to youth courts shall be construed as references to juvenile courts.
- C5** Act amended (1.10.1996) by 1996 c. 46, **s. 13(5)(6)**; S.I. 1996/2474, **art. 2**

### Commencement Information

- I1** Act wholly in force at 1.7.1975 see s. 11(2)

**Status:**

Point in time view as at 30/11/2009.

**Changes to legislation:**

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974, Introductory Text is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 09 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.