



Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975

1975 CHAPTER 21

PART II

SUMMARY PROCEDURE

CONVICTION AND SENTENCE

Admonition and discharge

382 Admonition.

A court of summary jurisdiction may, if it appears to meet the justice of the case, dismiss with an admonition any person [^{F1}convicted] by the court of any offence.

Textual Amendments

F1 Words in s. 382 substituted (27.7.1993) by 1993 c. 36, s. 79(13), Sch. 5 Pt. I para. 2(2)

383 Absolute discharge.

Where a person is charged before a court of summary jurisdiction with an offence (other than an offence the sentence for which is fixed by law) and the court is satisfied that he committed the offence, the court, if it is of opinion, having regard to the circumstances, including the nature of the offence and the character of the offender, that it is inexpedient to inflict punishment and that a probation order is not appropriate may, without proceeding to conviction, make an order discharging him absolutely.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 383 amended by Licensed Premises (Exclusion of Certain Persons) Act 1980 (c. 32, SIF 68A:1, 2), s. 1(2)(c)

Changes to legislation:

Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975, Cross Heading: Admonition and discharge is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 26 June 2023. 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.

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

- Act certain function transferred. by [1994 c. 39 s. 127\(1\)128](#)

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

- s. 168(c)(ii) amended (prosp.) by [1995 c. 36 s. 105\(4\)Sch. 4 para. 24\(6\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 364(c)(ii) amended (prosp.) by [1995 c. 36 s. 105\(4\)Sch. 4 para. 24\(14\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 413(3) (defn. of "the appropriate local authority") para. (a)(b) amended by [1994 c. 39 Sch. 13 para. 97\(5\)](#)
- s. 413(3) (defns. of "care" and "the 1968 Act") repealed (prosp.) by [1995 c. 36 s. 105\(4\)\(5\)Sch. 4 para. 24\(17\)\(b\)\(i\)Sch. 5](#)
- s. 462 (defns. of "child" "children's hearing" "place of safety" "residential establishment" and "supervision requirement") amended (prosp.) by [1995 c. 36 s. 105\(4\)Sch. 4 para. 24\(18\)](#)
- s. 462 (defns. of "crime" and "prosecutor") applied (prosp.) by [1995 c. 36 s. 53\(7\)](#)