



Criminal Justice Act 1988

1988 CHAPTER 33

PART XI

MISCELLANEOUS

Miscarriages of justice

133 Compensation for miscarriages of justice

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) below, when a person has been convicted of a criminal offence and when subsequently his conviction has been reversed or he has been pardoned on the ground that a new or newly discovered fact shows beyond reasonable doubt that there has been a miscarriage of justice, the Secretary of State shall pay compensation for the miscarriage of justice to the person who has suffered punishment as a result of such conviction or, if he is dead, to his personal representatives, unless the non-disclosure of the unknown fact was wholly or partly attributable to the person convicted.
- (2) No payment of compensation under this section shall be made unless an application for such compensation has been made to the Secretary of State.
- (3) The question whether there is a right to compensation under this section shall be determined by the Secretary of State.
- (4) If the Secretary of State determines that there is a right to such compensation, the amount of the compensation shall be assessed by an assessor appointed by the Secretary of State.
- (5) In this section “reversed” shall be construed as referring to a conviction having been quashed—
 - (a) on an appeal out of time; or
 - (b) on a reference—
 - (i) under section 17 of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968;
 - (ii) under section 263 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975; or

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(iii) under section 14 of the Criminal Appeal (Northern Ireland) Act 1980.

(6) For the purposes of this section a person suffers punishment as a result of a conviction when sentence is passed on him for the offence of which he was convicted.

(7) Schedule 12 shall have effect.