



Criminal Appeal Act 1995

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- 1 Her Majesty shall, on the recommendation of the Prime Minister,...
- 2 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this paragraph, a...

Members and employees

- 3 (1) The Commission shall— (a) pay to members of the...

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- 4 (1) The Commission may appoint a chief executive and such...
5 The Commission shall pay to the Minister for the Civil...

Procedure

- 6 (1) The arrangements for the procedure of the Commission (including...

Evidence

- 7 A document purporting to be— (a) duly executed under the...

Annual reports and accounts

- 8 (1) As soon as possible after the end of each...
9 (1) The Commission shall— (a) keep proper accounts and proper...
10 For the purposes of this Schedule the Commission's financial year...

Expenses

- 11 The Secretary of State shall defray the expenses of the...

SCHEDULE 2 — Minor and consequential amendments

The Army Act 1955 (c.18)

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The Air Force Act 1955 (c.19)

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The Public Records Act 1958 (c.51)

- 3 In the First Schedule to the Public Records Act 1958...

The Criminal Appeal Act 1968 (c.19)

- 4 (1) The Criminal Appeal Act 1968 shall be amended as...

The Courts-Martial (Appeals) Act 1968 (c.20)

- 5 (1) The Courts-Martial (Appeals) Act 1968 shall be amended as...

The Costs in Criminal Cases Act (Northern Ireland) 1968 (c.10 (N.I.))

- 6 In section 4 of the Costs in Criminal Cases Act...

The Superannuation Act 1972 (c.11)

- 7 In Schedule 1 to the Superannuation Act 1972 (kinds of...

The Juries Act 1974 (c.23)

- 8 In Part I of Schedule 1 to the Juries Act...

The Juries (Northern Ireland) Order 1974 (S.I. 1974/2143 (N.I.6))

- 9 In Schedule 2 to the Juries (Northern Ireland) Order 1974...

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The House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 (c.24)

10 In the House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975, in Part...

The Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975 (c.25)

11 In the Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975, in Part...

The Criminal Appeal (Northern Ireland) Act 1980 (c.47)

12 (1) The Criminal Appeal (Northern Ireland) Act 1980 shall be...

The County Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 (S.I. 1980/397 (N.I.3))

13 In Article 28(3) of the County Courts (Northern Ireland) Order...

The Senior Courts Act 1981 (c.54)

14 In section 48 of the Senior Courts Act 1981 (appeals...

The Prosecution of Offences Act 1985 (c.23)

15 In section 21(1) of the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985...

The Criminal Justice Act 1988 (c.33)

16 (1) The Criminal Justice Act 1988 shall be amended as...

The Legal Aid Act 1988 (c.34)

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The Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (S.I. 1989/1341 (N.I.12))

18 (1) The Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989...

The Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 (c.33)

19 In section 51 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order...

SCHEDULE 3 — Repeals

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- Sch. 2 para. 18 repealed by [S.I. 1999/2789 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3](#)