



# Criminal Appeal Act 1995

## 1995 CHAPTER 35

### PART II

#### THE CRIMINAL CASES REVIEW COMMISSION

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- (1) There shall be a body corporate to be known as the Criminal Cases Review Commission.
- (2) The Commission shall not be regarded as the servant or agent of the Crown or as enjoying any status, immunity or privilege of the Crown; and the Commission's property shall not be regarded as property of, or held on behalf of, the Crown.
- (3) The Commission shall consist of not fewer than eleven members.
- (4) The members of the Commission shall be appointed by Her Majesty on the recommendation of the Prime Minister.
- (5) At least one third of the members of the Commission shall be persons who are legally qualified; and for this purpose a person is legally qualified if—
  - (a) he has a ten year general qualification, within the meaning of section 71 of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990, or
  - (b) he is a member of the Bar of Northern Ireland, or solicitor of the Supreme Court of Northern Ireland, of at least ten years' standing.
- (6) At least two thirds of the members of the Commission shall be persons who appear to the Prime Minister to have knowledge or experience of any aspect of the criminal justice system and of them at least one shall be a person who appears to him to have knowledge or experience of any aspect of the criminal justice system in Northern Ireland; and for the purposes of this subsection the criminal justice system includes, in particular, the investigation of offences and the treatment of offenders.

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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(7) Schedule 1 (further provisions with respect to the Commission) shall have effect.