



Defamation Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 31

General provisions

18 Extent.

- (1) The following provisions of this Act extend to England and Wales—
section 1 (responsibility for publication),
sections 2 to 4 (offer to make amends), except section 3(9),
section 5 (time limit for actions for defamation or malicious falsehood),
section 7 (ruling on the meaning of a statement),
sections 8 to 10 (summary disposal of claim),
section 12(1) (evidence of convictions),
section 13 (evidence concerning proceedings in Parliament),
sections 14 and 15 and Schedule 1 (statutory privilege),
section 16 and Schedule 2 (repeals) so far as relating to enactments extending to England and Wales,
section 17(1) (interpretation),
this subsection,
section 19 (commencement) so far as relating to provisions which extend to England and Wales, and
section 20 (short title and saving).
- (2) The following provisions of this Act extend to Scotland—
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section 12(2) (evidence of convictions),
section 13 (evidence concerning proceedings in Parliament),
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section 16 and Schedule 2 (repeals) so far as relating to enactments extending to Scotland,
section 17 (interpretation),

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this subsection,
 section 19 (commencement) so far as relating to provisions which extend to Scotland, and
 section 20 (short title and saving).

- (3) The following provisions of this Act extend to Northern Ireland—
 section 1 (responsibility for publication),
 sections 2 to 4 (offer to make amends), except section 3(9),
 section 6 (time limit for actions for defamation or malicious falsehood),
 section 7 (ruling on the meaning of a statement),
 sections 8 to 11 (summary disposal of claim),
 section 12(3) (evidence of convictions),
 section 13 (evidence concerning proceedings in Parliament),
 sections 14 and 15 and Schedule 1 (statutory privilege),
 section 16 and Schedule 2 (repeals) so far as relating to enactments extending to Northern Ireland,
 section 17(1) (interpretation),
 this subsection,
 section 19 (commencement) so far as relating to provisions which extend to Northern Ireland, and
 section 20 (short title and saving).

Extent Information

- E1** S. 18(1) extends to England and Wales; s. 18(2) extends to Scotland; s. 18(3) extends to Northern Ireland.
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Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 18(2) repealed (S.) (8.8.2022) by Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Act 2021 (asp 10), ss. 35(3)(b)(i), 39(2); S.S.I. 2022/154, regs. 1(2), 2
- F2** Words in s. 18(2) repealed (S.) (8.8.2022) by Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Act 2021 (asp 10), ss. 35(3)(b)(ii), 39(2); S.S.I. 2022/154, regs. 1(2), 2
- F3** Words in s. 18(2) repealed (S.) (8.8.2022) by Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Act 2021 (asp 10), ss. 35(3)(b)(iii), 39(2); S.S.I. 2022/154, regs. 1(2), 2

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