



Prisoners' Earnings Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 33

4 Interpretation.

- (1) In the application of this Act to a contracted out prison—
- (a) any reference to the governor shall be construed as a reference to the director; and
 - (b) the reference to the Secretary of State in section 1 above shall be construed as a reference to the person running the prison.
- (2) In the application of this Act to England and Wales—
- “contracted out prison” has the meaning given by section 92(1) of the ^{M1}Criminal Justice Act 1991;
 - “prescribed” means prescribed by prison rules;
 - “prisoner” includes a prisoner on temporary release and a person required to be detained in a young offender institution [^{F1}or remand centre];
 - “prison rules” means rules made under section 47 of the ^{M2}Prison Act 1952.
- (3) In the application of this Act to Scotland—
- “contracted out prison” has the meaning given by section 106(4) of the ^{M3}Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994;
 - “prescribed” means prescribed by prison rules;
 - “prisoner” includes a prisoner on temporary release and a person required to be detained in a young offenders institution or remand centre;
 - “prison rules” means rules made under section 39 of the ^{M4}Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989.

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 4(2): words in definition of “prisoner” repealed (*prosp.*) by 2000 c. 43, ss. 75, 80(1), [Sch. 8](#)

Commencement Information

I1 S. 4(1)(2) in force at 26.9.2011 for E.W. by [S.I. 2011/1658](#), [art. 2](#)

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Marginal Citations

M1 [1991 c.53.](#)

M2 [1952 c.52.](#)

M3 [1994 c.33.](#)

M4 [1989 c.45.](#)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 4 by [2000 c. 43 Sch. 8](#)
- s. 4(2) omitted by [2012 c. 10 s. 129\(7\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 4(3) words substituted by [2012 c. 10 s. 129\(7\)\(b\)](#)