



# Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000

## 2000 CHAPTER 6

### PART VI

#### FINANCIAL PENALTIES AND ORDERS

##### *Financial circumstances orders*

#### **126 Powers to order statement as to offender's financial circumstances**

- (1) Where an individual has been convicted of an offence, the court may, before sentencing him, make a financial circumstances order with respect to him.
- (2) Where a magistrates' court has been notified in accordance with section 12(4) of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 that an individual desires to plead guilty without appearing before the court, the court may make a financial circumstances order with respect to him.
- (3) In this section "a financial circumstances order" means, in relation to any individual, an order requiring him to give to the court, within such period as may be specified in the order, such a statement of his financial circumstances as the court may require.
- (4) An individual who without reasonable excuse fails to comply with a financial circumstances order shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.
- (5) If an individual, in furnishing any statement in pursuance of a financial circumstances order—
  - (a) makes a statement which he knows to be false in a material particular,
  - (b) recklessly furnishes a statement which is false in a material particular, or
  - (c) knowingly fails to disclose any material fact,he shall be liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale or both.

---

*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

---

- (6) Proceedings in respect of an offence under subsection (5) above may, notwithstanding anything in section 127(1) of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (limitation of time), be commenced at any time within two years from the date of the commission of the offence or within six months from its first discovery by the prosecutor, whichever period expires the earlier.