



# Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000

## 2000 CHAPTER 6

### PART IV

#### COMMUNITY ORDERS AND REPARATION ORDERS

### CHAPTER III

#### COMMUNITY ORDERS AVAILABLE ONLY WHERE OFFENDER AGED 16 OR OVER

#### *Community service orders*

#### **47 Obligations of person subject to community service order**

- (1) An offender in respect of whom a community service order is in force shall—
  - (a) keep in touch with the responsible officer in accordance with such instructions as he may from time to time be given by that officer and notify him of any change of address; and
  - (b) perform for the number of hours specified in the order such work at such times as he may be instructed by the responsible officer.
- (2) The instructions given by the responsible officer under this section shall, as far as practicable, be such as to avoid—
  - (a) any conflict with the offender's religious beliefs or with the requirements of any other community order to which he may be subject; and
  - (b) any interference with the times, if any, at which he normally works or attends school or any other educational establishment.
- (3) Subject to paragraph 22 of Schedule 3 to this Act (power to extend order), the work required to be performed under a community service order shall be performed during the period of twelve months beginning with the date of the order; but, unless revoked,

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the order shall remain in force until the offender has worked under it for the number of hours specified in it.

- (4) If the offender is aged 18 or over at the time when the order is made, the functions conferred by this section on “the responsible officer” shall be discharged by—
- (a) a probation officer appointed for or assigned to the petty sessions area specified in the order; or
  - (b) a person appointed for the purposes of this section by the probation committee for that area.
- (5) If the offender is aged under 18 at that time, those functions shall be discharged by—
- (a) a person mentioned in subsection (4)(a) or (b) above; or
  - (b) a member of a youth offending team established by a local authority specified in the order.
- (6) The reference in subsection (4) above to the petty sessions area specified in the order and the reference in subsection (5) above to a local authority so specified are references to the area or an authority for the time being so specified, whether under section 46(9) above or by virtue of Part IV of Schedule 3 to this Act (power to amend orders).