

# Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015

## **2015 CHAPTER 2**

#### PART 3

#### COURTS AND TRIBUNALS

## Collection of fines etc

### Variation of collection orders etc

- (1) Schedule 5 to the Courts Act 2003 (collection of fines and other sums imposed on conviction) is amended as follows.
- (2) For paragraph 21 (application of Part 6: variation of collection orders containing payment terms) substitute—
  - "21 This Part applies if—
    - (a) the court has made a collection order, and
    - (b) the order contains payment terms but does not contain reserve terms."
- (3) In paragraph 22 (variation of collection order)—
  - (a) omit sub-paragraph (1),
  - (b) in sub-paragraph (2), for "P may apply for" substitute "P may at any time apply to the fines officer under this paragraph for",
  - (c) in sub-paragraph (4)(a), omit "in P's favour",
  - (d) after sub-paragraph (4) insert—
    - "(4A) The fines officer may not vary the payment terms under subparagraph (4)(a) so that they are less favourable to P without P's consent.", and
  - (e) for sub-paragraph (7) substitute—

- "(7) The fines officer may not vary the order so that it states reserve terms which are less favourable to P than the payment terms without P's consent."
- (4) In paragraph 25 (application of Part 7: effect of first default on collection order containing payment terms), for paragraphs (a) and (b) substitute—
  - "(a) an application to a fines officer under paragraph 22 (application for variation of order or for attachment of earnings order etc) that was made at a time when P was not in default on the collection order;
  - (b) an appeal under paragraph 23 against a decision of a fines officer on an application described in paragraph (a);".
- (5) In paragraph 31 (variation of reserve terms)—
  - (a) for sub-paragraph (1) substitute—
    - "(1) P may, at any time after the date of a payment notice under paragraph 30, apply to the fines officer for the reserve terms to be varied.",
  - (b) in sub-paragraph (3)(a), omit "in P's favour", and
  - (c) after sub-paragraph (3) insert—
    - "(3A) The fines officer may not vary the reserve terms under subparagraph (3)(a) so that they are less favourable to P without P's consent."
- (6) In paragraph 37 (functions of fines officer in relation to defaulters: referral or further steps notice), in sub-paragraph (1)(c), for sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) substitute—
  - "(i) an application to a fines officer under paragraph 31 (application for variation of reserve terms) that was made at a time when P was not in default on the collection order;
  - (ii) an appeal under paragraph 32 against a decision of a fines officer on an application described in sub-paragraph (i);".