



# Post Office Act 1953 (repealed)

## 1953 CHAPTER 36 1 and 2 Eliz 2

### *Money orders*

#### **Textual Amendments applied to the whole legislation**

**F1** Act repealed (1.1.2001 for ss. 29, 44, 45, and 26.3.2001 otherwise) by 2000 c. 26, ss. 127(6), 130(1), **Sch. 9** Note; S.I. 2000/2957, art. 2(2), **Sch. 2** Table; S.I. 2001/878, art. 2, **Sch.** Table (subject to transitional and saving provisions in arts. 3-17); S.I. 2001/1148, art. 2(2), **Sch.** Table (subject to arts. 3-42)

**20** <sup>F1</sup> .....

#### **Textual Amendments**

**F1** Ss. 18, 20, 21(1)(2)(4)(5) repealed by Post Office Act 1969 (c. 48), **Sch. 11 Pt. II**

#### **21 Special provisions as to postal orders.**

(1) ..... <sup>F2</sup>

(3) Any person acting as a banker in the British postal area who, in collecting in that capacity for any principal, has received payment or been allowed by the Postmaster-General [<sup>F3</sup> or the authority established by section 6 of the <sup>M1</sup>Post Office Act 1969] in account in respect of any postal order, or of any document purporting to be a postal order, shall not incur liability to anyone except that principal by reason of having received the payment or allowance or having held or presented the order or document for payment; but this subsection shall not relieve any principal for whom any such order or document has been so held or presented of any liability in respect of his possession of the order or document or of the proceeds thereof.

(4) ..... <sup>F2</sup>

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- F2** Ss. 18, 20, 21(1)(2)(4)(5) repealed by Post Office Act 1969 (c. 48), **Sch. 11 Pt. II**
- F3** Words inserted by Post Office Act 1969 (c. 48), **Sch. 4 para. 2(8)**

**Marginal Citations**

- M1** 1969 c. 48.

**22 Issuing money orders with fraudulent intent.**

- (1) If any [<sup>F4</sup>person engaged in the business of the Post Office] grants or issues any money order with a fraudulent intent, he shall be guilty of [<sup>F5</sup>a misdemeanour] and be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding seven years.
- (2) If any [<sup>F4</sup>person engaged in the business of the Post Office] re-issues a money order previously paid, he shall be deemed to have issued the order with a fraudulent intent for the purposes of this section.

**Textual Amendments**

- F4** Words substituted by virtue of Post Office Act 1969 (c. 48), **Sch. 4 para. 2(1)**
- F5** Words substituted by Theft Act 1968 (c. 60), **Sch. 2 Pt. I para. 2**

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S.22 extended by Post Office Act 1969 (c. 48), **Sch. 4 para. 2(9)**

**23 Forgery and stealing of money orders.**

- (1) A money order shall be deemed to be an order for the payment of money and a valuable security within the meaning . . . [<sup>F6</sup>of the <sup>M2</sup>Forgery Act 1913 . . . <sup>F8</sup>and]of any [<sup>F7</sup>other]enactment relating to [<sup>F7</sup>forgery or]stealing which is for the time being in force in any part of the British postal area.
- [<sup>F9</sup>(2) If any person with intent to defraud obliterates, adds to or alters any such lines or words on a money order as would, in the case of a cheque, be a crossing of that cheque, or knowingly offers, utters or disposes of any money order with such fraudulent obliteration, addition or alteration, he shall be guilty of [<sup>F10</sup>a misdemeanour] and be liable to the like punishment as if the order were a cheque.]

**Textual Amendments**

- F6** Words repealed by Theft Act 1968 (c. 60), **Sch. 2 Pt. I para. 2**
- F7** Words repealed (E.W.) (N.I.) by Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981 (c. 45, SIF 39:7), **Sch. Pt. I**
- F8** Words repealed by Theft Act 1968 (c. 60), **Sch. 3 Pt. III** and Theft Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 (c. 16), **Sch. 3 Pt. II**
- F9** S. 23(2) repealed (E.W.) (N.I.) by Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981 (c. 45, SIF 39:7), **Sch. Pt. I**
- F10** Words substituted by Theft Act 1968 (c. 60), **Sch. 2 Pt. I para. 2**

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C2** S. 23 extended by Post Office Act 1969 (c. 48), **Sch. 4 para. 2(9)**

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#### Marginal Citations

M2 1913 c. 27.

## 24 Arrangements with other countries as to money orders.

Where an arrangement is made with a government or postal administration of any other country for the transmission of small sums through post offices under the charge of the [<sup>F11</sup>Post Office] and the postal administration of the other country by means of [<sup>F11</sup>orders for the payment of money], the four last foregoing sections shall, so far as is consistent with the tenor thereof, . . . <sup>F12</sup>, apply in like manner as if an order issued in pursuance of the arrangement, whether by [<sup>F13</sup>a person engaged in the business of the Post Office] or by an officer of the other postal administration, were a money order . . .  
<sup>F12</sup>.

. . .  
<sup>F14</sup>

#### Textual Amendments

**F11** Words substituted by [Post Office Act 1969 \(c. 48\)](#), [Sch. 4 para. 2\(10\)](#)

**F12** Words repealed by [Post Office Act 1969 \(c. 48\)](#), [Sch. 4 para. 2\(10\)](#)

**F13** Words substituted by virtue of [Post Office Act 1969 \(c. 48\)](#), [Sch. 4 para. 2\(1\)](#)

**F14** [S. 24](#) proviso repealed by [Post Office Act 1969 \(c. 48\)](#), [Sch. 4 para. 2\(10\)](#), [Sch. 9 para. 3\(1\)](#)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

**C3** [S. 24](#) extended by [S.I. 1969/1368](#), [art. 11](#) and 1973/960, art. 13

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