



Treatment of Offenders Act (Northern Ireland) 1968

1968 CHAPTER 29

PART I

PROVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO SENTENCES ON AND DETENTION OF YOUNG OFFENDERS

RESTRICTIONS ON IMPRISONMENT

1 Restrictions on imprisonment.

- (1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), and without prejudice to any other enactment prohibiting or restricting the imprisonment of persons of or below a specified age, a court shall not pass a sentence of imprisonment on, or commit to prison for any default, a person who has not attained twenty-one years of age.
- (2) Nothing in subsection (1) shall affect the power of a court to pass a sentence of imprisonment (where the court has power to pass such a sentence) for a term of^{F1} more than four years].
- (3) Subsection (1) shall not apply in the case of a person who is serving a sentence of imprisonment at the time when the court passes sentence ...^{F2}.
- (4) Nothing in subsection (1) shall affect the power of the Minister of Home Affairs^{F3} (in this Act referred to as “the Minister”) to commute to a term of imprisonment—

Para. (a) rep. by 1980 NI 10

- (b) a term of detention in a young offenders centre under section 7(1)(b) of this Act.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Treatment of Offenders Act (Northern Ireland) 1968. (See end of Document for details)*

F2 [1976 NI 4](#)

F3 Functions transf., SI 1973/2163

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