



Criminal Justice Act 1982

CHAPTER 48

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT 1982

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63 Deferment of sentence.

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72 Abolition of right of accused to make unsworn statement.

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MALICIOUS DAMAGE ACT 1861 (c. 97)

OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON ACT 1861 (c. 100)

EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES ACT 1883 (c. 3)

INFANT LIFE (PRESERVATION) ACT 1929 (c. 34)

INFANTICIDE ACT 1938 (c. 36)

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FIREARMS ACT 1968 (c. 27)

THEFT ACT 1968 (c. 60)

MISUSE OF DRUGS ACT 1971 (c. 38)

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ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1972 (c. 20)

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE MANAGEMENT ACT 1979 (c. 2)

AVIATION SECURITY ACT 1982 (c. 36)

DRUG TRAFFICKING OFFENCES ACT 1986 (c. 32)

PUBLIC ORDER ACT 1986

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT 1988 (c.33)

THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1988 (c.52)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION) ACT 1990 (c. 31)

AVIATION AND MARITIME SECURITY ACT 1990 (c. 31)

CHANNEL TUNNEL (SECURITY) ORDER 1994 No.570

DRUG TRAFFICKING ACT 1994

PROCEEDS OF CRIME ACT 2002

SEXUAL OFFENCES ACT 2003

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, CRIME AND VICTIMS ACT 2004

SPACE INDUSTRY ACT 2018 (c. 5)

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SCHEDULE 8 — Courts-Martial etc.

- 1 (1) The following subsection shall be inserted after section 57(2)...
- 2 Section 71A of the Army Act 1955 and of the...
- 3 In section 71AA of the Army Act 1955 and the...
- 4 (1) In section 71B of the Army Act 1955 and...
- 5 In section 85 of the Army Act 1955 and the...
- 6 In section 145(1)(b) of those Acts (forfeiture of pay for...
- 7 Paragraph 10 of Schedule 5A to the Army Act 1955...
- 8 (1) In paragraph 11(2) of Schedule 5A to the Army...
- 9 The following sub-paragraph shall be substituted for sub-paragraphs (1) and...
- 10 (1) In paragraph 14(1) of those Schedules (recognisances from parents...
- 11 In paragraph 15(3) of those Schedules (scale of punishments and...
- 12 (1) In section 8(1)(b) of the Armed Forces Act 1976...

SCHEDULE 9 — Amendments of Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 relating to remands in custody

- 1 The words "or would be required to be brought before..."
- 2 In paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 128 (remand...
- 3 The following subsections shall be inserted after the said subsection...
- 4 The following subsections shall be inserted after subsection (3) of...
- 5 The following subsection shall be inserted after subsection (4) of...
- 6 Section 131(3) (by virtue of which so long as an...
- 7 In paragraph 3 of Schedule 5 (transfer of remand hearings)...

SCHEDULE 10 — Amendments of Schedule 3 to Immigration Act 1971

- 1 In paragraph 2— (a) in sub-paragraph (1), after the word...
- 2 The following shall be added after paragraph 3— Powers of...

SCHEDULE 11 —

- 1 In the Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973—
- 2 In section 2(3) of that Act (probation orders) for the...
- 3 The following sections shall be inserted after section 4 of...
- 4 In section 47(a) of that Act (the probation service and...
- 5 In Schedule 1 to that Act (discharge and amendment of...
- 6 In Schedule 3 to that Act (duties and powers of...

SCHEDULE 12 — Community Service Orders—England and Wales

- 1
- 2 In section 17 of that Act (amendment and revocation of...

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- SCHEDULE 13 — Community Service Orders—Reciprocal Arrangements
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 - 1
 - 2
 - Part II — RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENTS (SCOTLAND)—PERSONS
RESIDING IN ENGLAND AND WALES OR NORTHERN IRELAND
 - 3 In sections 183(5A) and 384(5A) of the Criminal Procedure
(Scotland)...
 - 4 In section 6 of the Community Service by Offenders (Scotland)...
 - 5 After section 6 of that Act there shall be inserted...
 - 6 In section 15 of that Act for subsection (5) there...
 - Part III — RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENTS (NORTHERN IRELAND)—PERSONS
RESIDING IN ENGLAND AND WALES OR SCOTLAND

*Making an amendment of community service orders
relating to persons residing in England and Wales*

- 7 (1) Where a court in Northern Ireland considering the making...

Making and amendment of community service orders relating to persons residing in Scotland

- 8 (1) Where a court in Northern Ireland considering the making...

*Community service orders relating to persons
residing in England and Wales or Scotland—General*

- 9 (1) Where a community service order is made or amended...

Community service orders relating to persons residing in England and Wales: interpretation

- 10 In paragraphs 7 and 9 above— “ adult community service...

SCHEDULE 14 — Minor and Consequential Amendments

Vagrancy Act 1824 (c. 83)

- 1 In the Vagrancy Act 1824 the words “, subject to...

Merchant Shipping Act 1894 (c. 60)

- 2

Customs and Excise Act 1952 (c. 44)

- 3 For section 283(5) of the Customs and Excise Act 1952...

Prison Act 1952 (c. 52)

- 4
- 5 In section 22(2)(b) of that Act (removal of prisoners for...
- 6 In section 37(4) of that Act (closing of prisons) for...
- 7 In section 47 of that Act (rules for the management...
- 8 In section 49 of that Act (persons unlawfully at large)—...
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Criminal Justice Act 1961 (c. 39)

- 10 In section 23 of the Criminal Justice Act 1961 (by...
- 11 The following subsections shall be substituted for subsections (4) to...
- 12 The words “youth custody centre” shall be substituted for the...
- 13 In subsection (2) of section 32 of that Act (supervision...
- 14 The words “or of any authorised officer” shall be added...
- 15 In section 38 of that Act (construction of references to...
- 16 In section 39 of that Act (interpretation)—
- 17 In section 42(1) of that Act (application to Scotland), and...

Criminal Justice Act 1967 (c. 80)

- 18—21
- 22 The following subsections shall be inserted after subsection (2) of...

Criminal Appeal Act 1968 (c. 19)

- 23 In section 10 of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968 (appeal...

Firearms Act 1968 (c. 27)

- 24 In section 21 of the Firearms Act 1968 (possession of...

Children and Young Persons Act 1969 (c. 54)

- 25
- 26 In section 16(10) of that Act (which includes a definition...
- 27 In section 23(4) of that Act (remand to care of...
- 28

Fire Precautions Act 1971 (c. 40)

- 29 In section 40(2)(a) of the Fire Precautions Act 1971 (which...

Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973 (c. 62)

- 30 In subsection (3)(c) of section 6 of the Powers of...
- 31 In section 13 of that Act (under which a conviction...
- 32
- 33
- 34 The following subsection shall be inserted as subsection (2) of...

Juries Act 1974 (c. 23)

- 35 In Schedule 1 to the Juries Act 1974 (persons ineligible...

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (c. 53)

- 36 In section 5(1) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974...
- 37 In section 5(2) (rehabilitation periods for particular sentences)—

Criminal Law Act 1977 (c. 45)

- 38 In section 36 of the Criminal Law Act 1977 (enforcement...
- 39 In subsection (5) of section 38A of that Act (execution...
- 40 The following shall be inserted after paragraph 3 of Schedule...
- 41 In paragraph 7 of that Schedule, for the word “Where”...

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Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 (c. 2)

- 42 Section 147(5) of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979...
- 43 In section 156 of that Act (saving for outlying enactments...

Child Care Act 1980 (c. 5)

- 44 In section 10(2) of the Child Care Act 1980 (parental...
- 45
- 46

Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (c. 43)

- 47 In section 24(3) of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (powers...
- 48
- 49 The following subsections shall be substituted for subsection (1) of...
- 50 In section 77(2) of that Act (power to fix a...
- 51
- 52 In section 82 of that Act (restriction on power to...
- 53 In section 88 of that Act (supervision pending payment)—
- 54 The following section shall be inserted after section 96 of...
- 55 The words “or the Crown Court” shall be added at...
- 56 In section 133(1) of that Act (consecutive terms of imprisonment)...
- 57 At the end of section 134 of that Act (detention...
- 58 The following subsection shall be added as subsection (3) of...
- 59 In Schedule 4 to that Act (imprisonment for default) the...

Contempt of Court Act 1981 (c. 49)

- 60 The following subsection shall be inserted after subsection (2) of...

SCHEDULE 15 — Minor and Consequential Amendments Scotland

Trespass (Scotland) Act 1865 (c. 56)

- 1 In section 4 of the Trespass (Scotland) Act 1865 (apprehension...

Electric Lighting Act 1882 (c. 56)

- 2

Merchant Shipping Act 1894 (c. 60)

- 3
- 4
- 5

Public Health (Scotland) Act 1897 (c. 38)

- 6 In section 18 of the Public Health (Scotland) Act 1897...
- 7 In section 24 of that Act (penalty for contravention of...

Food and Drugs (Scotland) Act 1956 (c. 30)

- 8 In section 56 of the Food and Drugs (Scotland) Act...

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South of Scotland Electricity Order Confirmation Act 1956 (c. xciv)

- 9 For section 51 of the South of Scotland Electricity Order...
- 10 In section 55 of that Order (penalty for interference with...

North of Scotland Electricity Order Confirmation Act 1958 (c. ii)

- 11 For section 36 of the North of Scotland Electricity Order...
- 12 In section 40 of that Order (penalty for interference with...

Roads (Scotland) Act 1970 (c. 20)

- 13 In section 48 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1970 (prosecution...
- 14

Immigration Act 1971 (c. 77)

- 15 In section 6 of the Immigration Act 1971 (recommendations by...
- 16

Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21)

- 17 In section 193A of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975...
- 18 In section 421(1) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975...
- 19 In section 462(1) of that Act (interpretation), in the definition...

National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 (c. 29)

- 20 In paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 9 to the National Health...
- 21 In paragraph 7 of Schedule 10 to that Act (penalties...
- 22

Water (Scotland) Act 1980 (c. 45)

- 23 In section 38(6) of the Water (Scotland) Act 1980 (penalties...
- 24 In section 77 of that Act (obtaining supplies to meet...
- 25 In section 94(a) of that Act (penalties for false information)...
- 26 In section 95(a) of that Act (penalties for offences not...
- 27 In paragraph 10(3) of Schedule 4 to that Act (offences...
- 28 In paragraph 37 of Schedule 4 to that Act (pollution...
- 29 In paragraph 43 of Schedule 4 to that Act—

Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1980 (c. 62)

- 30 In section 55 of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1980...

SCHEDULE 16 — Repeals

SCHEDULE 17 — Transitional Provisions

Young offenders

- 1 (1) Where an offender has before the commencement of sections...
- 2 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, an order for detention...
- 3 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, where at the commencement...
- 4 An offender who was sentenced to Borstal training on a...
- 5 (1) A custodial order to which this sub-paragraph applies shall...

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- 6 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (3) below, where at the commencement...
- 7 (1) This paragraph applies to any offender who at the...
- 8 Where at the commencement of sections 1 to 15 above...
- 9 Rules under section 47 of the Prison Act 1952 may...
- 10 (1) Where under section 23(1)(a) or (b) of the Powers...
- 11 A person who immediately before the commencement of sections 1...
- 12 A person who immediately before the commencement of sections 1...
- 13 A person who immediately before the commencement of sections 1...
- 14 (1) Where— (a) a person has been released from prison,...
- 15 Until the commencement of sections 1 to 15 above, if...

Probation

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Fines

- 18 Any provision of Schedule 15 to this Act which alters...

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 70 and cross-heading repealed by [2022 c. 32 s. 81\(3\)\(d\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 70 repealed by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 37 Pt. 9](#)
- Sch. 14 para. 60 repealed by [2008 c. 4 Sch. 28 Pt. 1](#)
- Sch. 14 para. 1 and cross-heading repealed by [2022 c. 32 s. 81\(3\)\(d\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 15 para. 6 repealed by [1995 c. 25 Sch. 24](#)
- Sch. 15 para. 7 repealed by [1995 c. 25 Sch. 24](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 32(1A)(ca) words inserted by [2021 c. 11 Sch. 13 para. 36](#)