



2011 CHAPTER 16

PART 4

ENFORCEMENT

Post-conviction powers

Penalties

31.—(1) A person guilty of an offence under any of sections 6(10) and (12), ^{F1}..., 9, 10(6), 12(6), 14, 15, 17(12), 19(7), ^{F1}..., ^{F1}... and 50(3) or paragraph 17 of Schedule 3 or any regulations made under section 11, 12(7) or 13, where breach of those regulations is an offence, shall be liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale or both.

[^{F2}(1A) A person guilty of an offence under section 4 or 8(1) or (2) shall be liable—

- (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months, or to a fine not exceeding £20,000, or both;
- (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years, or to a fine, or both.]

(2) A person guilty of an offence under any of sections ^{F3}..., 5, 6(1), (2), (11) and (15), 7 [^{F4}, 8(3), 33(9) and 40(7)] shall be liable—

- (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months, or to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum, or both;
- (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding [^{F5}5 years] , or to a fine, or both.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 31(1) omitted (1.8.2016) by virtue of [Justice Act \(NorthernIreland\) 2016 \(c. 21\)](#), [ss. 48\(1\)](#), 61(2); S.R. 2016/248, art. 2
- F2** [S. 31\(1A\)](#) inserted (1.8.2016) by [Justice Act \(NorthernIreland\) 2016 \(c. 21\)](#), [ss. 48\(2\)](#), 61(2); S.R. 2016/248, art. 2
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- F4** Words in s. 31(2) substituted (1.8.2016) by [Justice Act \(NorthernIreland\) 2016 \(c. 21\)](#), [ss. 48\(3\)\(b\)](#), 61(2); S.R. 2016/248, art. 2
- F5** Words in s. 31(2)(b) substituted (1.8.2016) by [Justice Act \(NorthernIreland\) 2016 \(c. 21\)](#), [ss. 48\(4\)](#), 61(2); S.R. 2016/248, art. 2

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