
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1988 No. 1987 (N.I. 20)

The Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1988

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THE CRIMINAL EVIDENCE (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1988

1. Title and commencement
2. Interpretation and savings
3. Circumstances in which inferences may be drawn from accused's failure to mention particular facts when questioned, charged, etc.
4. Accused to be called upon to give evidence at trial
5. Inferences from failure or refusal to account for objects, marks, etc.
6. Inferences from failure or refusal to account for presence at a particular place

Changes to legislation:

The Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1988 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 17 December 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- Instrument am (prosp) by [1994 c. 33 s. 168\(2\)Sch.10 para 61](#)
- Instrument rev in pt (prosp) by [1994 c. 33 s. 168\(3\)Sch.11](#)
- art. 3(2)(a) words inserted by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) Sch. 2 para. 5\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- art. 3(2)(b)(ii) words substituted in earlier affecting provision [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\), Sch. 2 para. 5\(1\)\(b\)](#) by [2022 c. 4 \(N.I.\) s. 4\(9\)\(d\)](#)
- art. 5(2)(a) words inserted by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) Sch. 2 para. 5\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- art. 6(2)(a) words inserted by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) Sch. 2 para. 5\(3\)\(a\)](#)

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

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

- art. 3(2)(b)(iii) and word substituted for word by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) Sch. 2 para. 5\(1\)\(b\)](#)
- art. 5(2)(aa)(iii) and word substituted for word by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) Sch. 2 para. 5\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- art. 5(2)(aa)(iii) words substituted in earlier affecting provision [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\), Sch. 2 para. 5\(2\)\(b\)](#) by [2022 c. 4 \(N.I.\) s. 4\(9\)\(d\)](#)
- art. 6(2)(aa)(iii) and word substituted for word by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) Sch. 2 para. 5\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- art. 6(2)(aa)(iii) words substituted in earlier affecting provision [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\), Sch. 2 para. 5\(3\)\(b\)](#) by [2022 c. 4 \(N.I.\) s. 4\(9\)\(d\)](#)