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# Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975

# **1975 CHAPTER 21**

#### PART II

#### SUMMARY PROCEDURE

#### CONVICTION AND SENTENCE

Miscellaneous provisions as to conviction, sentence, etc.

# 427 Conviction of part only of charge.

A conviction of a part or parts only of the charge or charges libelled in a complaint shall imply dismissal of the rest of the complaint.

# 428 Art and part guilt of statutory offence.

- [F1(1)] A person may be convicted of, and punished for, contravention of any [F2enactment], notwithstanding that he was guilty of such contravention as art and part only.
- [F3(2) Without prejudice to subsection (1) above or to any express provision in any enactment having the like effect to this subsection, any person who aids, abets, counsels, procures or incites any other person to commit an offence against the provisions of any enactment shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction, unless the enactment otherwise requires, to the same punishment as might be imposed on conviction of the first-mentioned offence.]

## **Textual Amendments**

- F1 S. 428 renumbered s. 428(1) by virtue of Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1987 (c. 41, SIF 39:1), ss. 47(4)(a), 64(1)(2)
- F2 Word substituted by Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1987 (c. 41, SIF 39:1), ss. 47(4)(a), 64(1)(2)
- F3 S. 428(2) inserted by Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1987 (c. 41, SIF 39:1), ss. 47(4)(a), 64(1)(2)

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#### **PROSPECTIVE**

#### "Conviction" and "sentence" not to be used in relation to a child.

The words "conviction" and "sentence" shall not be used in relation to children dealt with summarily and any reference in any enactment, whether passed before or after the commencement of this Act, to a person convicted, a conviction or a sentence shall in the case of a child be construed as including a reference to a person found guilty of an offence, a finding of guilt or an order made upon such a finding as the case may be.

# 430 Forms of finding and sentence.

- (1) The finding and sentence and any order of a court of summary jurisdiction, as regards both offences at common law and offences under any statute or order, shall be entered in the record of the proceedings in the form, as nearly as may be, of the appropriate form contained in <sup>F4</sup>... an Act of Adjournal under this Act, which shall be sufficient warrant for all execution thereon and for the clerk of court to issue extracts containing such executive clauses as may be necessary for implement thereof; and, when imprisonment forms part of any sentence or other judgment, warrant for the apprehension and interim detention of the accused pending his being committed to prison shall, where necessary, be implied.
- (2) Where a fine imposed by a court of summary jurisdiction is paid at the bar it shall not be necessary for the court to refer to the period of imprisonment applicable to the non-payment thereof.
- (3) Where several charges at common law or under any statute or order are embraced in one complaint, a cumulo fine may be imposed in respect of all or any of such charges of which the accused is convicted.
- [F5(4) A court of summary jurisdiction may frame—
  - (a) a sentence following on conviction; or
  - (b) an order for committal in default of payment of any sum of money or for contempt of court,

so as to take effect on the expiry of any previous sentence or order which, at the date of the later conviction or order, the accused is undergoing.]

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F4 Words in s. 430(1) repealed (31.3.1996 subject to transitional provisions and savings in the commencing S.I.) by 1995 c. 20, s. 117, Sch. 6 Pt. I para. 142(a), Sch. 7 Pt. I; S.I. 1996/517, arts. 3-6, Sch.
- F5 S. 430(4) sustituted (31.3.1996 subject to transitional provisions and savings in the commencing S.I.) by 1995 c. 20, s. 117, Sch. 6 Pt. I para. 142(b); S.I. 1996/517, arts. 3-6, Sch.

# [<sup>F6</sup>430A Sentence following guilty plea.

In determining what sentence to pass on, or what other disposal or order to make in relation to, an offender who has pled guilty to an offence, a court may take into account—

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- (a) the stage in the proceedings for the offence at which the offender indicated his intention to plead guilty, and
- (b) the circumstances in which that indication was given.]

#### **Textual Amendments**

F6 S. 430A inserted (31.3.1996 subject to transitional provisions and savings in the commencing S.I.) by 1995 c. 20, s. 33; S.I. 1996/517, arts. 3-6, Sch.

# 431 Consideration of time spent in custody.

- $[^{F7}(1)]A$  court, in passing a sentence of imprisonment or detention . . .  $^{F8}$ on a person for any offence, shall
- [F9(a)] in determining the period of imprisonment or detention, have regard to any period of time spent in custody by that person on remand awaiting trial or sentence [F10] or spent in custody awaiting extradition to the United Kingdom;
  - (b) specify the date of commencement of the sentence; and
  - (c) if that person—
    - (i) has spent a period of time in custody on remand awaiting trial or sentence; or
    - (ii) is an extradited prisoner for the purposes of this section, and the date specified under paragraph (b) above is not earlier than the date on which sentence is passed, state its reasons for not specifying an earlier date.]
- [F11(2)] A prisoner is an extradited prisoner for the purposes of this section if—
  - (a) he was tried for the offence in respect of which his sentence of imprisonment was imposed—
    - (i) after having been extradited to the United Kingdom; and
    - (ii) without having first been restored to the state from which extradited or having had an opportunity of leaving the United Kingdom; and
  - (b) he was for any period kept in custody while awaiting such extradition.
  - (3) In this section "extradited to the United Kingdom" means returned to the United Kingdom—
    - (a) in pursuance of extradition arrangements (as defined in section 3 of the Extradition Act 1989);
    - (b) under any law which corresponds to that Act and is a law of a designated Commonwealth country (as defined in section 5(1) of that Act);
    - (c) under that Act as extended to a colony or under any corresponding law of a colony; or
    - [ in pursuance of arrangements with a foreign state in respect of which an Order in Council under section 2 of the Extradition Act 1870 is in force;]]
      - (d) in pursuance of a warrant of arrest endorsed in the Republic of Ireland under the law of that country corresponding to the Backing of Warrants (Republic of Ireland) Act 1965.

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        S. 431 renumbered (18.9.1993) as s. 431(1) by 1993 c. 9, s. 41(4) (with s. 47(2), Sch. 6 paras. 1, 2);
        S.I. 1993/2050, art. 3(3), Sch. 2
 F8
        Words repealed by Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1980 (c. 62, SIF 39:1), Sch. 7 para. 70 and S.I.
        1983/1580, art. 3
 F9
        Word in s. 431 inserted (18.9.1993) by 1993 c. 9, s. 41(2) (with s. 47(2), Sch. 6, paras. 1, 2); S.I.
        1993/2050, art. 3(3), Sch. 2
        Words in s. 431 inserted (18.9.1993) by 1993 c. 9, s. 41(3) (with s. 47(2), Sch. 6 paras. 1, 2); S.I.
        1993/2050, art. 3(3), Sch. 2
       S. 431(2)(3) inserted (18.9.1993) by 1993 c. 9, s. 41(5) (with s. 47(2), Sch. 6 paras. 1, 2); S.I.
 F11
        1993/2050, art. 3(3), Sch. 2
 F12 S. 431(3)(cc) inserted (3.2.1995) by 1994 c. 33, s. 168(1), Sch. 9 para. 48(2); S.I. 1995/127, art. 2(1),
        Sch. 1 Appendix A
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#### 432 Deferred sentence.

- [F13(1)] It shall be competent for a court to defer sentence after conviction for a period and on such conditions as the court may determine; F14. . . ..
- [F15(2) If it appears to the court by which sentence on a person has been deferred under subsection (1) above that that person has been convicted, during the period of deferment, by a court in any part of Great Britain of an offence committed during that period and has been dealt with for that offence, the first mentioned court may issue a warrant for the arrest of that person, or may, instead of issuing such a warrant in the first instance, issue a citation requiring him to appear before it at such time as may be specified in the citation; and on his appearance or on his being brought before the court it may deal with him in any manner in which it would be competent for it to deal with him on the expiry of the period of deferment.
  - (3) Where a court which has deferred sentence under subsection (1) above on a person convicts that person of another offence during the period of deferment, it may deal with him for the original offence in any manner in which it would be competent for it to deal with him on the expiry of the period of deferment, as well as for the offence committed during the said period.]

## **Textual Amendments**

- F13 Word inserted by virtue of Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1980 (c. 62, SIF 39:1), s. 54
- F14 Words in s. 432(1) repealed (31.3.1996 subject to transitional provisions and savings in the commencing S.I.) by 1995 c. 20, s. 117, Sch. 6 Pt. I para. 143, Sch. 7 Pt. I; S.I. 1996/517, arts. 3-6, Sch.
- F15 S. 432(2)(3) inserted by Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1980 (c. 62, SIF 39:1), s. 54

#### 433 Sentence in open court.

Every sentence imposed by a court of summary jurisdiction shall unless otherwise provided be pronounced in open court in the presence of the accused, but need not be written out or signed in his presence.

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# 434 Further provision as to sentence.

- (1) It shall be competent at any time before imprisonment has followed on a sentence for the court to alter or modify it; but no higher sentence than that originally pronounced shall be competent.
- (2) The signature of the judge or clerk of court to any sentence shall be sufficient also to authenticate the findings on which such sentence proceeds.
- (3) The power conferred by subsection (1) of this section to alter or modify a sentence shall be exercisable without requiring the attendance of the accused . . . <sup>F16</sup>

' ' '	al Amendments  Words repealed by Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1980 (c. 62, SIF 63:1), Sch. 6 para. 1, Sch. 8
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**F17** S. 435 repealed (31.3.1996 subject to transitional provisions and savings in the commencing S.I.) by 1995 c. 20, s. 117, Sch. 6 Pt. I para. 144, Sch. 7 Pt. I; S.I. 1996/517, arts. 3-6, Sch.

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#### **Textual Amendments**

**F18** S. 436 repealed (31.3.1996 subject to transitional provisions and savings in the commencing S.I.) by 1995 c. 20, s. 117, Sch. 6 Pt. I para. 181(2), Sch. 7 Pt. II: S.I. 1996/517, arts. 3-6, Sch.

# [F19436ADisqualification in Scotland where vehicle used to commit offence.

- (1) Where a person is convicted of an offence (other than one triable only summarily) and the court which passes sentence is satisfied that a motor vehicle was used for the purpose of committing, or facilitating the commission of that offence, the court may order him to be disqualified for such period as the court thinks fit from holding or obtaining a licence to drive a motor vehicle granted under Part III of the Road Traffic Act 1988.
- (2) A court which makes an order under this section disqualifying a person from holding or obtaining a licence shall require him to produce any such licence held by him and its counterpart.
- (3) Any reference in this section to facilitating the commission of an offence shall include a reference to the taking of any steps after it has been committed for the purpose of disposing of any property to which it relates or of avoiding apprehension or detection.
- (4) In relation to licences which came into force before 1st June 1990, the reference in subsection (2) above to the counterpart of a licence shall be disregarded.]

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#### **Textual Amendments**

**F19** S. 436A added (1.7.1992) by Road Traffic Act 1991 (c. 40), **s.39**;S.I. 1992/1286, **art. 2**,Sch.

# 437 Warrant of search for forfeited articles.

Where a court has made an order for the forfeiture of an article, the court or any justice of the peace may, if satisfied on information on oath—

- (a) that there is reasonable cause to believe that the article is to be found in any place or premises; and
- (b) that admission to the place or premises has been refused or that a refusal of such admission is apprehended,

issue a warrant of search which may be executed according to law; and for the purposes of this section, any reference to a justice of the peace includes a reference to the sheriff and to a magistrate.

# 438 Register of children found guilty of offences.

In addition to any other register required by law, a separate register of children found guilty of offences and of children discharged on bond or put on probation shall be kept for every summary court by the chief constable or other person charged with the duty of keeping registers of convictions. The register shall apply to children of such age, and shall include such particulars, as may be directed by the Secretary of State, and it shall be the duty of the keeper of the register, within seven days after any such child has been dealt with by the court, to transmit a copy of the entry relating to the child to the education authority for the area in which the child resides.

# [F20439 Correction of entries.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, it shall be competent to correct an entry in—
  - (a) the record of proceedings in a summary prosecution; or
  - (b) the extract of a sentence passed or an order of court made in such proceedings, in so far as that entry constitutes an error of recording or is incomplete.
- (2) Such entry may be corrected—
  - (a) by the clerk of the court, at any time before either the sentence (or order) of the court is executed or, on appeal, the proceedings are transmitted to the Clerk of Justiciary;
  - (b) by the clerk of the court, under the authority of the court which passed the sentence or made the order, at any time after the execution of the sentence (or order) of the court but before such transmission as is mentioned in paragraph (a) above; or
  - (c) by the clerk of the court under the authority of the High Court in the case of a remit under subsection (4)(b) below.
- (3) A correction in accordance with paragraph (b) or (c) of subsection (2) above shall be intimated to the prosecutor and to the former accused or his solicitor.
- (4) Where, during the course of an appeal, the High Court becomes aware of an erroneous or incomplete entry, such as is mentioned in subsection (1) above, the court—

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- (a) may consider and determine the appeal as if such entry were corrected; and
- (b) either before or after the determination of the appeal, may remit the proceedings to the court of first instance for correction in accordance with subsection (2)(c) above.
- (5) Any correction under subsections (1) and (2) above by the clerk of the court shall be authenticated by his signature and, if such correction is authorised by a court, shall record the name of the judge or judges authorising such correction and the date of such authority.]

#### **Textual Amendments**

F20 S. 439 substituted by Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1980 (c. 62, SIF 39:1), s. 20

# [F21439AAmendment of records of conviction and sentence in summary proceedings.

- (1) Without prejudice to section 439 of this Act, where, on an application in accordance with subsection (2) below, the High Court is satisfied that a record of conviction or sentence in summary proceedings inaccurately records the identity of any person, it may authorise the clerk of the court which convicted or, as the case may be, sentenced the person to correct the record.
- (2) An application under subsection (1) above shall be made after the determination of the summary prosecution and may be made by any party to the summary proceedings or any other person having an interest in the correction of the alleged inaccuracy.
- (3) The High Court shall order intimation of an application under subsection (1) above to such persons as it considers appropriate and shall not determine the application without affording to the parties to the summary proceedings and to any other person having an interest in the correction of the alleged inaccuracy an opportunity to be heard.
- (4) The power of the High Court under this section may be exercised by a single judge of the High Court in the same manner as it may be exercised by the High Court, and subject to the same provisions.]

### **Textual Amendments**

F21 S. 439A inserted (31.3.1996 subject to transitional provisions and savings in the commencing S.I.) by 1995 c. 20, s. 41; S.I. 1996/517, arts. 3-6, Sch.

# **Extract sufficient warrant for imprisonment.**

Where imprisonment is authorised by the sentence of a court of summary jurisdiction, an extract of the finding and sentence in the form, as nearly as may be, of the appropriate form contained in F22... an Act of Adjournal under this Act shall be a sufficient warrant for the apprehension and commitment of the accused, and no such extract shall be void or liable to be set aside on account of any error or defect in point of form.

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# 441 Provision for court comprising more than one judge.

In any proceedings in a court of summary jurisdiction consisting of more than one judge, the signature of one judge shall be sufficient in all warrants or other proceedings prior or subsequent to conviction <sup>F23</sup>... and it shall not be necessary that the judge so signing shall be one of the judges trying or dealing with the case otherwise.

# **Textual Amendments**

F23 Words in s. 441 repealed (31.3.1996 subject to transitional provisions and savings in the commencing S.I.) by 1995 c. 20, s. 117, Sch. 6 Pt. I para. 146, Sch. 7 Pt. I; S.I. 1996/517, arts. 3-6, Sch.

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- s. 168(c)(ii) amended (prosp.) by 1995 c. 36 s. 105(4)Sch. 4 para. 24(6)(b)
- s. 364(c)(ii) amended (prosp.) by 1995 c. 36 s. 105(4)Sch. 4 para. 24(14)(b)
- s. 413(3) (defn.of "the appropriate local authority") para. (a)(b) amended by 1994 c. 39 Sch. 13 para. 97(5)
- s. 413(3) (defns. of "care" and "the 1968 Act") repealed (prosp.) by 1995 c. 36 s.
   105(4)(5)Sch. 4 para. 24(17)(b)(i)Sch. 5
- s. 462 (defns. of "child" "children's hearing" "place of safety" "residential establishment" and "supervision requirement") amended (prosp.) by 1995 c. 36 s. 105(4)Sch. 4 para. 24(18)
- s. 462 (defns. of "crime" and "prosecutor") applied (prosp.) by 1995 c. 36 s. 53(7)