



# Magistrates' Courts Act 1980

## 1980 CHAPTER 43

### PART V

#### APPEAL AND CASE STATED

##### *Appeal*

#### **108 Right of appeal to the Crown Court.**

- (1) A person convicted by a magistrates' court may appeal to the Crown Court—
- if he pleaded guilty, against his sentence;
  - if he did not, against the conviction or sentence.

[<sup>F1</sup>(1A) [<sup>F2</sup>Section 82 of the Sentencing Code] (under which a conviction of an offence for which <sup>F3</sup>... an order for conditional or absolute discharge is made is deemed not to be a conviction except for certain purposes) shall not prevent an appeal under this Act, whether against conviction or otherwise.]

- (2) A person sentenced by a magistrates' court for an offence in respect of which <sup>F4</sup>... an order for conditional discharge has been previously made may appeal to the Crown Court against the sentence.

[<sup>F5</sup>(2A) A person convicted under section 16H may not appeal under this section against the conviction or sentence, except a sentence imposed under section 16M(5)(b).]

- (3) In this section "sentence" includes any order made on conviction by a magistrates' court, not being—
- <sup>F6</sup>(a) .....
  - an order for the payment of costs;
  - an order under <sup>F7</sup>... [<sup>F8</sup>section 37(1) of the Animal Welfare Act 2006] (which enables a court to order the destruction of an animal); or
  - an order made in pursuance of any enactment under which the court has no discretion as to the making of the order or its terms

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[<sup>F9</sup>and also includes a [<sup>F10</sup>declaration of relevance, within the meaning of section 23 of] the Football Spectators Act 1989].

[<sup>F11</sup>(4) Subsection (3)(d) above does not prevent an appeal against a surcharge imposed under [<sup>F12</sup>section 42 of the Sentencing Code].]

[<sup>F13</sup>(5) Subsection (3) does not prevent an appeal against an order under [<sup>F14</sup>section 46 of the Sentencing Code] (criminal courts charge).]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 108(1A) inserted by [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\), s. 66\(2\)](#)
- F2** Words in s. 108(1A) substituted (1.12.2020) by [Sentencing Act 2020 \(c. 17\), s. 416\(1\), Sch. 24 para. 54\(2\)](#) (with [Sch. 24 para. 447, Sch. 27](#)); [S.I. 2020/1236, reg. 2](#)
- F3** Words in s. 108(1A) repealed (1.10.1992) by [Criminal Justice Act 1991 \(c. 53, SIF 39:1\), s. 101\(2\), Sch. 13](#); [S.I. 1992/333, art. 2\(2\), Sch. 2](#).
- F4** Words in s. 108(2) repealed (30.9.1998) by [1998 c. 37, ss. 119, 120\(2\), Sch. 8 para. 43, Sch. 10](#); [S.I. 1998/2327, art. 2](#)
- F5** S. 108(2A) inserted (7.11.2023) by [Judicial Review and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 35\), s. 51\(4\), Sch. 2 para. 1\(5\)](#); [S.I. 2023/1194, reg. 2\(e\)](#)
- F6** S. 108(3)(a) repealed by [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\), Sch. 16](#)
- F7** Words in s. 108(3)(c) repealed (28.8.2000) by [2000 c. 25, s. 1, Sch. 3](#); [S.I. 2000/2125, art. 2](#)
- F8** Words in s. 108(3)(c) substituted (27.3.2007 for W. and 6.4.2007 for E.) by [Animal Welfare Act 2006 \(c. 45\), ss. 64, 68, Sch. 3 para. 10](#) (with [ss. 1\(2\), 58\(1\), 59, and 60](#)); [S.I. 2007/1030 {art. 2}](#); [S.I. 2007/499, art. 2\(2\)\(l\)](#)
- F9** Words inserted by [Football Spectators Act 1989 \(c. 37, SIF 45A\), s. 23\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- F10** Words in s. 108(3) substituted (6.4.2007) by [Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006 \(c. 38\), ss. 52, 66\(2\), Sch. 3 para. 14\(2\)\(b\)](#); [S.I. 2007/858, art. 2\(k\)](#)
- F11** S. 108(4) inserted (1.4.2007) by [Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 \(c. 28\), ss. 58\(1\), 60, Sch. 10 para. 10](#); [S.I. 2007/602, art. 2\(c\)](#)
- F12** Words in s. 108(4) substituted (1.12.2020) by [Sentencing Act 2020 \(c. 17\), s. 416\(1\), Sch. 24 para. 54\(3\)](#) (with [Sch. 24 para. 447, Sch. 27](#)); [S.I. 2020/1236, reg. 2](#)
- F13** S. 108(5) inserted (13.4.2015) by [Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 \(c. 2\), s. 95\(1\), Sch. 12 para. 4](#); [S.I. 2015/778, art. 3, Sch. 1 para. 78](#)
- F14** Words in s. 108(5) substituted (1.12.2020) by [Sentencing Act 2020 \(c. 17\), s. 416\(1\), Sch. 24 para. 54\(4\)](#) (with [Sch. 24 para. 447, Sch. 27](#)); [S.I. 2020/1236, reg. 2](#)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 108(1) extended (31.3.1997) by [1995 c. 35, s. 11\(2\)\(3\)](#); [S.I. 1997/402, art. 3](#)
- C2** S. 108(1)(b) extended (19.2.2001) by [2000 c. 11, s. 7\(7\)\(b\)](#); [S.I. 2001/421, art. 2](#)  
S. 108(1)(b) extended (11.3.2005) by [Prevention of Terrorism Act 2005 \(c. 2\), s. 12\(7\)\(d\)](#)
- C3** S. 108(1)(b) extended (15.12.2011) by [Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures Act 2011 \(c. 23\), s. 31\(2\), Sch. 3 para. 4\(5\)\(d\)](#) (with [Sch. 8](#))
- C4** S. 108(1)(b) applied (12.2.2015) by [Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 \(c. 6\), s. 52\(5\), Sch. 4 para. 4\(5\)\(d\)](#)
- C5** S. 108(1)(b) applied (20.12.2023) by [National Security Act 2023 \(c. 32\), s. 100\(1\), Sch. 9 para. 4\(4\)\(d\)](#) (with [s. 97](#)); [S.I. 2023/1272, reg. 2\(b\)](#)

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

- Act applied by [2017 anaw 2 Sch. 3 para. 18\(5\)](#)

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

- s. 1(6A) inserted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 36 para. 8\(5\)](#)
- s. 1(6A) words substituted by [2015 c. 2 Sch. 11 para. 3\(4\)](#) (Effect not applied as (6A) was only inserted prospectively.)
- s. 1(7A) inserted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 36 para. 8\(6\)](#)
- s. 12(2A) inserted by [2022 c. 35 s. 4\(3\)](#)
- s. 12(5A)-(5F) inserted by [2022 c. 35 s. 4\(6\)](#)
- s. 17A(1A) inserted by [2022 c. 35 Sch. 2 para. 6\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 17B(1A)-(1F) substituted for s. 17B(1) by [2022 c. 35 s. 9\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 17B(5) inserted by [2022 c. 35 s. 9\(2\)\(d\)](#)
- s. 17BA inserted by [2022 c. 35 s. 7](#)
- s. 17ZA-17ZC inserted by [2022 c. 35 s. 6\(2\)](#)
- s. 18(1)-(1B) substituted for s. 18(1) by [2022 c. 35 Sch. 2 para. 6\(7\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 18(4A)(4B) inserted by [2022 c. 35 Sch. 2 para. 6\(7\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 18(6) inserted by [2022 c. 35 Sch. 2 para. 6\(7\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 20(7A)(7B) inserted by [2022 c. 35 Sch. 2 para. 6\(8\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 22(2A)-(2E) inserted by [2022 c. 35 Sch. 2 para. 6\(9\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 22A(1A)-(1E) inserted by [2022 c. 35 s. 6\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 23(1A)-(1G) substituted for s. 23(1) by [2022 c. 35 s. 9\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 23(4A)(4B) inserted by [2022 c. 35 s. 9\(4\)\(d\)](#)
- s. 24A(1A) inserted by [2022 c. 35 Sch. 2 para. 6\(11\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 24BA inserted by [2022 c. 35 s. 9\(5\)](#)
- s. 24ZA24ZB inserted by [2022 c. 35 s. 8](#)
- s. 75A inserted by [2013 c. 22 s. 26\(1\)](#)
- s. 85(5) inserted by [2013 c. 22 s. 26\(4\)](#)
- s. 139A inserted by [2013 c. 22 s. 26\(6\)](#)
- s. 145(1A) inserted by [2010 c. 26 Sch. 3 para. 8\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 3 Pt. 2 repealed (4.9.2013) without ever being in force by [2013 c. 22](#), s. 17(4) ; S.I. 2013/2200 art. 2(a))
- s. 145(1A) repealed by [2010 c. 26 Sch. 4 Pt. 2](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 4 Pt. 2 repealed (4.9.2013) without ever being in force by [2013 c. 22](#), s. 17(4) ; S.I. 2013/2200 art. 2(a))
- Sch. 6A (entry) by [2000 c. 43 Sch. 7 para. 69](#)