



Contempt of Court Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 49

Penalties for contempt and kindred offences

16 Enforcement of fines imposed by certain superior courts.

- (1) Payment of a fine for contempt of court imposed by a superior court, other than the Crown Court or one of the courts specified in subsection (4) below, may be enforced upon the order of the court—
 - (a) in like manner as a judgment of the High Court for the payment of money; or
 - (b) in like manner as a fine imposed by the Crown Court.
- (2) Where payment of a fine imposed by any court falls to be enforced as mentioned in paragraph (a) of subsection (1)—
 - (a) the court shall, if the fine is not paid in full forthwith or within such time as the court may allow, certify to Her Majesty's Remembrancer the sum payable;
 - (b) Her Majesty's Remembrancer shall thereupon proceed to enforce payment of that sum as if it were due to him as a judgment debt; . . . ^{F1}
 - (c) ^{F2}
- (3) Where payment of a fine imposed by any court falls to be enforced as mentioned in paragraph (b) of subsection (1), the provisions of [^{F3}sections 130 to 132 of the Sentencing Code] shall apply as they apply to a fine imposed by the Crown Court.
- (4) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to fines imposed by the criminal division of the Court of Appeal or by the [^{F4}Supreme Court] on appeal from that division.
- (5) The Fines Act 1833 shall not apply to a fine to which subsection (1) of this section applies.
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Extent Information

E1 In its application to Northern Ireland, s. 16 has effect as set out in Sch. 4, see s. 18.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Contempt of Court Act 1981, Section 16. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word repealed (1.1.1982) by [Supreme Court Act 1981 \(c. 54\)](#), **Sch. 7**
- F2** S. 16(2)(c) repealed (1.1.1982) by [Supreme Court Act 1981 \(c. 54\)](#), **Sch. 7**
- F3** Words in s. 16(3) substituted (1.12.2020) by [Sentencing Act 2020 \(c. 17\)](#), s. 416(1), **Sch. 24 para. 66** (with [Sch. 27](#)); [S.I. 2020/1236](#), reg. 2
- F4** Words in s. 16(4) substituted (1.10.2009) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), s. 148(1), **Sch. 9 para. 35(2)**; [S.I. 2009/1604](#), **art. 2(d)**
- F5** S. 16(6) repealed (E.W.S) (22.8.1996) by 1996 c. 17, ss. 45, 46, **Sch. 3 Pt. 1** (with s. 38)

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