



Criminal Justice Act 1982

1982 CHAPTER 48

PART I

TREATMENT OF YOUNG OFFENDERS

Custody and detention of persons under 21

8 Custody for life.

- (1) Where a person under the age of 21 is convicted of murder or any other offence the sentence for which is fixed by law as imprisonment for life, the court shall sentence him to custody for life unless he is liable to be detained under section 53(1) of the ^{M1}Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (detention of persons under 18 convicted of murder).
- (2) Where a person aged^{F1} 18 years] or over but under the age of 21 is convicted of any other offence for which a person aged 21 years or over would be liable to imprisonment for life, the court shall, if it considers that a custodial sentence for life would be appropriate, sentence him to custody for life.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 8(2) substituted (1.10.1992) by [Criminal Justice Act 1991 \(c. 53, SIF 39:1\)](#), s. 63(5), (with Sch. 12 para. 17); [S.I. 1992/333](#), art. 2(2), [Sch.2](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** [S. 8\(2\)](#) modified (1.10.1997) by [1997 c. 43](#), s. 2(2)(b); [S.I. 1997/2200](#), art. 2(1)(b)

Marginal Citations

- M1** [1933 c. 12](#).

Status:

Point in time view as at 01/10/1992. This version of this provision has been superseded.

Changes to legislation:

Criminal Justice Act 1982, Section 8 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 17 May 2024. 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.