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# Computer Misuse Act 1990

## CHAPTER 18

## COMPUTER MISUSE ACT 1990

### Computer misuse offences

- 1 Unauthorised access to computer material.
- 2 Unauthorised access with intent to commit or facilitate commission of further offences.
- 3 Unauthorised acts with intent to impair, or with recklessness as to impairing, operation of computer, etc.
- 3ZA Unauthorised acts causing, or creating risk of, serious damage
- 3A Making, supplying or obtaining articles for use in offence under section 1, 3 or 3ZA

### Jurisdiction

- 4 Territorial scope of offences under this Act.
- 5 Significant links with domestic jurisdiction.
- 6 Territorial scope of inchoate offences related to offences under this Act.
- 7 Territorial scope of inchoate offences related to offences under external law corresponding to offences under sections 1 to 3.
- 8 Relevance of external law.
- 9 British citizenship immaterial.

### Miscellaneous and general

- 10 Savings
- 11 Proceedings for offences under section 1.
- 12 Conviction of an offence under section 1 in proceedings for an offence under section 2 or 3.
- 13 Proceedings in Scotland.
- 14 Search warrants for offences under section 1.

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- 15 Extradition where Schedule 1 to the Extradition Act 1989 applies.
- 16 Application to Northern Ireland.
- 16A Northern Ireland: search warrants for offences under section 1
  - 17 Interpretation.
  - 18 Citation, commencement etc.

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