



# Criminal Justice Act 1991

## 1991 CHAPTER 53

### PART I

#### POWERS OF COURTS TO DEAL WITH OFFENDERS

##### *Financial penalties*

#### 17 Increase of certain maxima.

- (1) [<sup>F1</sup>In section 37 (standard scale of fines) of the <sup>M1</sup>Criminal Justice Act 1982 (“the 1982 Act”) and section 289G of the <sup>M2</sup>Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (corresponding Scottish provision), for subsection (2) there shall be substituted the following subsection—

“(2) The standard scale is shown below—

<i>Level on the scale</i>	<i>Amount of fine</i>
1	£200
2	£500
3	£1,000
4	£2,500
5	£5,000”.]

- (2) Part I of the <sup>M3</sup>Magistrates’ Courts Act 1980 (“the 1980 Act”) shall be amended as follows—
- in section 24(3) and (4) (maximum fine on summary conviction of young person for indictable offence) <sup>F2</sup>. . ., for “£400” there shall be substituted “£1,000”;
  - in section 24(4) (maximum fine on summary conviction of child for indictable offence) <sup>F2</sup>. . ., for “£100” there shall be substituted “£250”; and

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- (c) in section 32(9) (maximum fine on summary conviction of offence triable either way), for “£2,000” there shall be substituted “£5,000”;
- and in section 289B(6) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (interpretation), in the definition of “prescribed sum”, for “£2,000” there shall be substituted “£5,000”.
- (3) Schedule 4 to this Act shall have effect as follows—
- (a) in each of the provisions mentioned in column 1 of Part I (the general description of which is given in column 2), for the amount specified in column 3 there shall be substituted the amount specified in column 4;
- (b) in each of the provisions mentioned in column 1 of Part II (the general description of which is given in column 2), for the amount specified in column 3 there shall be substituted the level on the standard scale specified in column 4;
- (c) in each of the provisions mentioned in column 1 of Part III (the general description of which is given in column 2), for the amount specified in column 3 there shall be substituted a reference to the statutory maximum;
- (d) the provisions set out in Part IV shall be substituted for Schedule 6A to the 1980 Act (fines that may be altered under section 143); and
- (e) <sup>F3</sup> .....

#### Extent Information

**E1** S. 17 extends to England and Wales; s. 17(1)(2) also extend to Scotland see s. 102(4)(5)

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 17(1) repealed (E.W.) (1.12.2020) by [Sentencing Act 2020 \(c. 17\)](#), s. 416(1), [Sch. 29](#) (with ss. 413(4), 416(7), [Sch. 27](#)); [S.I. 2020/1236](#), reg. 2
- F2** S. 17(2)(a)(b) repealed (25.8.2000) by [2000 c. 6](#), ss. 165, 168(1), [Sch. 12 Pt. I](#) (with [Sch. 11](#) paras. 1, 2)
- F3** S. 17(3)(e) repealed (20.9.1993) by [1993 c. 36](#), ss. 65(3), 79(14), [Sch. 3](#) para. 1(1), [Sch. 6 Pt. I](#); [S.I. 1993/1968](#), art. 2(2), [Sch. 2](#), Appendix.

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

- C1** S. 17(1)(2) restricted (S.) (1.9.1992) by [S.I. 1992/333](#), [art. 4A](#) (as inserted by [S.I. 1992/2118](#), [art. 4](#))
- C2** [S. 17\(1\)](#) modified (1.12.2020 immediately before the consolidation date (see [2020 c. 9](#), ss. 3, 5(2)(3) and [2020 c. 17](#), ss. 2, 416)) by [Sentencing \(Pre-consolidation Amendments\) Act 2020 \(c. 9\)](#), [ss. 1](#), 5(2)(3); [S.I. 2012/1236](#), reg. 2

#### Commencement Information

**I1** S. 17 wholly in force at 1.10.1992 see s. 102(2)(3) and [S.I. 1992/333](#), [art. 2\(2\)](#)

#### Marginal Citations

- M1** [1982 c. 48](#).
- M2** [1975 c. 21](#).
- M3** [1980 c. 43](#).

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

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

- s. 24(2)(ba) inserted by [2013 c. 22 s. 26\(7\)](#)
- s. 46(3)(aa) substituted for word by [2008 c. 4 s. 33\(7\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 33(2)(4)(7)(8) omitted (3.12.2012) by virtue of 2012 c. 10, s. 118(4)(a); S.I. 2012/2906, art. 2(d))
- s. 46ZA inserted by [2008 c. 4 s. 33\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 33(2)(4)(7)(8) omitted (3.12.2012) by virtue of 2012 c. 10, s. 118(4)(a); S.I. 2012/2906, art. 2(d))