



Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 25

PART VI

MAGISTRATES' COURTS

53 Attachment of earnings

- (1) In section 3 of the Attachment of Earnings Act 1971 (court's power to make order) the following subsections shall be inserted after subsection (3A)—

“(3B) Where—

- (a) a magistrates' court imposes a fine on a person in respect of an offence, and
 - (b) that person consents to an order being made under this subsection,
- the court may at the time it imposes the fine, and without the need for an application, make an attachment of earnings order to secure the payment of the fine.

(3C) Where—

- (a) a magistrates' court makes in the case of a person convicted of an offence an order under section 35 of the Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973 (a compensation order) requiring him to pay compensation or to make other payments, and
 - (b) that person consents to an order being made under this subsection,
- the court may at the time it makes the compensation order, and without the need for an application, make an attachment of earnings order to secure the payment of the compensation or other payments.”

- (2) This section applies in relation to—

- (a) fines imposed in respect of offences committed on or after the appointed day;

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (b) compensation orders made on convictions for offences committed on or after that day.
- (3) The reference in subsection (2) to the appointed day is to such day as is appointed for the purposes of this section by the Secretary of State by order.