

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 5

BREACH, REVOCATION AND AMENDMENT OF ATTENDANCE CENTRE ORDERS

Breach of order or attendance centre rules

- 1 (1) Where an attendance centre order is in force and it appears on information to a justice acting for a relevant petty sessions area that the offender—
- (a) has failed to attend in accordance with the order, or
 - (b) while attending has committed a breach of rules made under section 62(3) of this Act which cannot be adequately dealt with under those rules,
- the justice may issue a summons requiring the offender to appear at the place and time specified in the summons before a magistrates' court acting for the area or, if the information is in writing and on oath, may issue a warrant for the offender's arrest requiring him to be brought before such a court.
- (2) For the purposes of this paragraph a petty sessions area is a relevant petty sessions area in relation to an attendance centre order—
- (a) if the attendance centre which the offender is required to attend by the order or by virtue of an order under paragraph 5(1)(b) below is situated in it; or
 - (b) if the order was made by a magistrates' court acting for it.
- 2 (1) If it is proved to the satisfaction of the magistrates' court before which an offender appears or is brought under paragraph 1 above that he has failed without reasonable excuse to attend as mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)(a) of that paragraph or has committed such a breach of rules as is mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)(b) of that paragraph, that court may deal with him in any one of the following ways—
- (a) it may impose on him a fine not exceeding £1,000;
 - (b) where the attendance centre order was made by a magistrates' court, it may deal with him, for the offence in respect of which the order was made, in any way in which he could have been dealt with for that offence by the court which made the order if the order had not been made; or
 - (c) where the order was made by the Crown Court, it may commit him to custody or release him on bail until he can be brought or appear before the Crown Court.
- (2) Any exercise by the court of its power under sub-paragraph (1)(a) above shall be without prejudice to the continuation of the order.
- (3) A fine imposed under sub-paragraph (1)(a) above shall be deemed, for the purposes of any enactment, to be a sum adjudged to be paid by a conviction.
- (4) Where a magistrates' court deals with an offender under sub-paragraph (1)(b) above, it shall revoke the attendance centre order if it is still in force.
- (5) In dealing with an offender under sub-paragraph (1)(b) above, a magistrates' court—

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- (a) shall take into account the extent to which the offender has complied with the requirements of the attendance centre order; and
 - (b) in the case of an offender who has wilfully and persistently failed to comply with those requirements, may impose a custodial sentence notwithstanding anything in section 79(2) of this Act.
- (6) A person sentenced under sub-paragraph (1)(b) above for an offence may appeal to the Crown Court against the sentence.
- (7) A magistrates' court which deals with an offender's case under sub-paragraph (1)(c) above shall send to the Crown Court—
 - (a) a certificate signed by a justice of the peace giving particulars of the offender's failure to attend or, as the case may be, the breach of the rules which he has committed; and
 - (b) such other particulars of the case as may be desirable;and a certificate purporting to be so signed shall be admissible as evidence of the failure or the breach before the Crown Court.
- 3 (1) Where by virtue of paragraph 2(1)(c) above the offender is brought or appears before the Crown Court and it is proved to the satisfaction of the court—
 - (a) that he has failed without reasonable excuse to attend as mentioned in paragraph 1(1)(a) above, or
 - (b) that he has committed such a breach of rules as is mentioned in paragraph 1(1)(b) above,that court may deal with him, for the offence in respect of which the order was made, in any way in which it could have dealt with him for that offence if it had not made the order.
- (2) Where the Crown Court deals with an offender under sub-paragraph (1) above, it shall revoke the attendance centre order if it is still in force.
- (3) In dealing with an offender under sub-paragraph (1) above, the Crown Court—
 - (a) shall take into account the extent to which the offender has complied with the requirements of the attendance centre order; and
 - (b) in the case of an offender who has wilfully and persistently failed to comply with those requirements, may impose a custodial sentence notwithstanding anything in section 79(2) of this Act.
- (4) In proceedings before the Crown Court under this paragraph any question whether there has been a failure to attend or a breach of the rules shall be determined by the court and not by the verdict of a jury.