



Counter-Terrorism and Sentencing Act 2021

2021 CHAPTER 11

PART 2

RELEASE OF TERRORIST OFFENDERS

Removal or restriction of early release for terrorist prisoners

31 Removal of early release for dangerous terrorist prisoners: Northern Ireland

In Article 20A of the Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/1216 (N.I. 1)) (as inserted by section 30) (eligibility for release on licence of terrorist prisoners), after paragraph (2) insert—

“(2A) Paragraphs (3) to (7) apply unless the terrorist prisoner’s sentence—

- (a) is a serious terrorism sentence or an extended custodial sentence;
- (b) was imposed after the commencement of section 31 of the Counter-Terrorism and Sentencing Act 2021; and
- (c) was imposed in respect of an offence that—
 - (i) is specified in Part 2 or 5 of Schedule 2A (terrorism offences punishable with imprisonment for life);
 - (ii) is a service offence as respects which the corresponding civil offence is so specified;
 - (iii) is specified in Part 3 or 6 of that Schedule (other offences punishable with life imprisonment) and was determined to have a terrorist connection; or
 - (iv) is a service offence as respects which the corresponding civil offence is so specified and was determined to have a terrorist connection.”

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Counter-Terrorism and Sentencing Act 2021, Section 31.