



# Modern Slavery Act 2015

## CHAPTER 30

### MODERN SLAVERY ACT 2015

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#### *Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (c. 41)*

- 1 An offence under section 145 of the Nationality, Immigration and...

#### *Sexual Offences Act 2003 (c. 42)*

- 2 (1) An offence under section 57, 58, 58A, 59 or...

#### *Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 (asp 7)*

- 3 An offence under section 22 of the Criminal Justice (Scotland)...

#### *Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Act 2004 (c. 19)*

- 4 An offence under section 4 of the Asylum and Immigration...

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*Coroners and Justice Act 2009 (c. 25)*

- 5 An offence under section 71 of the Coroners and Justice...

*Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 (asp 13)*

- 6 An offence under section 47 of the Criminal Justice and...

*Modern Slavery Act 2015 (c. 30)*

- 7 An offence under section 1, 2 or 4 of this...

*Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Criminal Justice and Support for Victims) Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (c. 2 (N.I.))*

- 8 An offence under section 1, 2 or 4 of the...

*Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015 (asp 12)*

- 8A (1) An offence under section 1 or 4 of the...

*Ancillary offences*

- 9 (1) An offence of attempting or conspiring to commit an...

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*Introductory*

- 1 (1) This Part of this Schedule sets out the powers...

*Power to stop, board, divert and detain*

- 2 (1) This paragraph applies if an English and Welsh constable...

*Power to search and obtain information*

- 3 (1) This paragraph applies if an English and Welsh constable...

*Power of arrest and seizure*

- 4 (1) This paragraph applies if an English and Welsh constable...

*Code of practice*

- 5 (1) The Secretary of State must prepare and issue a...

*Assistants*

- 6 (1) An English and Welsh constable or an enforcement officer...

*Reasonable force*

- 7 An English and Welsh constable or an enforcement officer may...

*Evidence of authority*

- 8 An English and Welsh constable or an enforcement officer must...

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*Protection of constables and enforcement officers*

9 An English and Welsh constable or an enforcement officer is...

*Offences*

10 (1) A person commits an offence under the law of...  
PART 2 — SCOTLAND

*Introductory*

11 (1) This Part of this Schedule sets out the powers...

*Power to stop, board, divert and detain*

12 (1) This paragraph applies if a Scottish constable or an...

*Power to search and obtain information*

13 (1) This paragraph applies if a Scottish constable or an...

*Power of arrest and seizure*

14 (1) This paragraph applies if a Scottish constable or an...

*Assistants*

15 (1) A Scottish constable or an enforcement officer may—

*Reasonable force*

16 A Scottish constable or an enforcement officer may use reasonable...

*Evidence of authority*

17 A Scottish constable or an enforcement officer must produce evidence...

*Offences*

18 (1) A person commits an offence under the law of...  
PART 3 — NORTHERN IRELAND

*Introductory*

19 (1) This Part of this Schedule sets out the powers...

*Power to stop, board, divert and detain*

20 (1) This paragraph applies if a Northern Ireland constable or...

*Power to search and obtain information*

21 (1) This paragraph applies if a Northern Ireland constable or...

*Power of arrest and seizure*

22 (1) This paragraph applies if a Northern Ireland constable or...

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*Code of practice*

- 23 (1) The Department of Justice in Northern Ireland must prepare...

*Assistants*

- 24 (1) A Northern Ireland constable or an enforcement officer may—...

*Reasonable force*

- 25 A Northern Ireland constable or an enforcement officer may use...

*Evidence of authority*

- 26 A Northern Ireland constable or an enforcement officer must produce...

*Protection of constables and enforcement officers*

- 27 A Northern Ireland constable or an enforcement officer is not...

*Offences*

- 28 (1) A person commits an offence under the law of...

SCHEDULE 3 — Public authorities under a duty to co-operate with the  
Commissioner

Law enforcement and border security  
Local government  
Health bodies  
Regulators  
Northern Irish public authority

SCHEDULE 4 — Offences to which defence in section 45 does not apply

*Common law offences*

- 1 False imprisonment.
- 2 Kidnapping.
- 3 Manslaughter.
- 4 Murder.
- 5 Perverting the course of justice.
- 6 Piracy.

*Offences against the Person Act 1861 (c. 100)*

- 7 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...

*Explosive Substances Act 1883 (c. 3)*

- 8 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...

*Infant Life (Preservation) Act 1929 (c. 34)*

- 9 An offence under section 1 of the Infant Life (Preservation)...

*Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (c. 12)*

- 10 An offence under section 1 of the Children and Young...

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*Public Order Act 1936 (1 Edw. 8 & 1 Geo. 6 c. 6)*

11 An offence under section 2 of the Public Order Act...

*Infanticide Act 1938 (c. 36)*

12 An offence under section 1 of the Infanticide Act 1938...

*Firearms Act 1968 (c. 27)*

13 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...

*Theft Act 1968 (c. 60)*

14 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...

*Criminal Damage Act 1971 (c. 48)*

15 The following offences under the Criminal Damage Act 1971— an...

*Immigration Act 1971 (c. 77)*

16 An offence under section 25 of the Immigration Act 1971...

*Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 (c. 2)*

17 An offence under section 170 of the Customs and Excise...

*Taking of Hostages Act 1982 (c. 28)*

18 An offence under section 1 of the Taking of Hostages...

*Aviation Security Act 1982 (c. 36)*

19 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...

*Mental Health Act 1983 (c. 20)*

20 An offence under section 127 of the Mental Health Act...

*Child Abduction Act 1984 (c. 37)*

21 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...

*Public Order Act 1986 (c. 64)*

22 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...

*Criminal Justice Act 1988 (c. 33)*

23 An offence under section 134 of the Criminal Justice Act...

*Road Traffic Act 1988 (c. 52)*

24 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...

*Aviation and Maritime Security Act 1990 (c. 31)*

25 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...

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*Channel Tunnel (Security) Order 1994 (S.I. 1994/570)*

26 An offence under Part 2 of the Channel Tunnel (Security)...

*Protection from Harassment Act 1997 (c. 40)*

27 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...

*Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (c. 37)*

28 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...

*Terrorism Act 2000 (c. 11)*

29 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...

*International Criminal Court Act 2001 (c. 17)*

30 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...

*Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001 (c. 24)*

31 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...

*Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003 (c. 31)*

32 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...

*Sexual Offences Act 2003 (c. 42)*

33 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...

*Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 (c. 28)*

34 An offence under section 5 of the Domestic Violence, Crime...

*Terrorism Act 2006 (c. 11)*

35 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...

*Serious Crime Act 2015*

35A An offence under section 75A of the Serious Crime Act...

*Modern Slavery Act 2015 (c. 30)*

36 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...

36A An offence under any of the following provisions of Schedule...

*Health and Care Act 2022*

36B An offence under any of the following provisions of the...

*National Security Act 2023*

36C An offence under any of the following provisions of the...

*Ancillary offences*

37 (1) An offence of attempting or conspiring to commit an...



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#### SCHEDULE 4A — Information gateways: specified persons

*Authorities with functions in connection with the labour market etc*

The Secretary of State. A person by whom, or by...

*Law enforcement and border security*

A chief officer of police for a police area in...

*Local government*

A county council in England or Wales. A county borough...

*Health bodies*

A National Health Service trust established under section 25 of...

*Other*

The Independent Anti-slavery Commissioner.

#### SCHEDULE 5 — Minor and consequential amendments

##### PART 1 — AMENDMENTS RELATING TO OFFENCES

*Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (c. 12)*

1 (1) Schedule 1 to the Children and Young Persons Act...

*Immigration Act 1971 (c. 77)*

2 In section 25C of the Immigration Act 1971 (forfeiture of...

*Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (c. 60)*

3 In section 65A(2) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act...

*Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 1992 (c. 34)*

4 In section 2(1) of the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 1992...

*Sexual Offences Act 2003 (c. 42)*

5 (1) The Sexual Offences Act 2003 is amended as follows....

*Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Act 2004 (c. 19)*

6 (1) The Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Act...

*Serious Crime Act 2007 (c. 27)*

7 (1) Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Serious Crime...

*Coroners and Justice Act 2009 (c. 25)*

8 Omit section 71 of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009...

*Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 (c. 9)*

9 (1) The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 is amended as...

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*Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (c. 10)*

- 10 In Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Legal Aid,...
- PART 2 — AMENDMENTS RELATING TO SLAVERY AND TRAFFICKING REPARATION ORDERS

*Administration of Justice Act 1970 (c. 31)*

- 11 (1) The Administration of Justice Act 1970 is amended as...

*Criminal Justice Act 1991 (c. 53)*

- 12 (1) Section 24 of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 (recovery...

*Social Security (Recovery of Benefits) Act 1997 (c. 27)*

- 13 In paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to the Social Security...

*Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000 (c. 6)*

- 14 .....

*Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (c. 29)*

- 15 In section 13(3A) of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002...
- 16 In section 19(8) of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002...
- 17 In section 20(12) of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002...
- 18 In section 32(7)(b) of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002...
- 19 In section 33(9)(b) of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002...
- 20 Minor and consequential amendments
- 21 In section 308 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002...
- 22 In Schedule 11 to the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002...

*Courts Act 2003 (c. 39)*

- 23 (1) Schedule 5 to the Courts Act 2003 (collection of...

*Criminal Justice Act 2003 (c. 44)*

- 24 .....
- 25 .....

*Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (c. 43)*

- 26 In paragraph 1 of Schedule 10 to the Health and...

*Prevention of Social Housing Fraud Act 2013 (c. 3)*

- 27 (1) The Prevention of Social Housing Fraud Act 2013 is...

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 50A restricted by [2023 c. 37 s. 23\(2\)](#)

**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. 50A(5A) inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 28\(1\)](#)