



Police Act 1997

1997 CHAPTER 50

PART V

CERTIFICATES OF CRIMINAL RECORDS, &C.

[^{F1}116ZB] Application for an order for a new criminal record certificate or enhanced criminal record certificate

- (1) This section applies where—
 - (a) the Scottish Ministers issue a criminal record certificate or an enhanced criminal record certificate to an individual, and
 - (b) the certificate includes details of a conviction [^{F2}which falls within section 116ZA(1A)].
- (2) The individual may apply to the sheriff for an order requiring the Scottish Ministers to issue a new certificate that does not include those details.
- (3) An application under subsection (2)—
 - (a) may only be made if the individual, before the end of the period of 10 working days beginning with the date of the issue of the certificate, notifies the Scottish Ministers of an intention to make the application, and
 - (b) must be made before the end of the period of 3 months beginning with the date on which that notification is given.
- (4) No finding of fact on which a conviction is based may be challenged in an application under subsection (2).
- (5) Proceedings in an application under subsection (2) may take place in private if the sheriff considers it appropriate in all the circumstances.
- (6) In determining an application under subsection (2) the sheriff must—
 - (a) if satisfied that the details are not relevant to the purpose for which the certificate was required, allow the application,
 - (b) otherwise, refuse the application.

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- (7) The sheriff may allow the application in part where it relates to details in relation to two or more convictions.
- (8) The decision of the sheriff on an application is final.
- (9) Where the sheriff allows the application, the sheriff must order the Scottish Ministers—
- (a) to issue a new certificate to the individual as if the individual had made the application for the certificate under section 113A(1), 113B(1), 114(1) or, as the case may be, 116(1) on the date on which the sheriff makes the order,
 - (b) to exclude from that certificate the details which the sheriff is satisfied are not relevant.
- (10) Where the sheriff refuses the application—
- (a) the Scottish Ministers must issue a new certificate to the individual as if the individual had made the application for the certificate under section 113A(1), 113B(1), 114(1) or, as the case may be, 116(1) on the date on which the sheriff makes the order,
 - (b) the individual may not make an application under subsection (2) in relation to the details of the conviction in connection with the new certificate (or any subsequent certificate issued in relation to the original certificate application).
- (11) In subsection (10)(b), the “original certificate application” is the application for the certificate mentioned in subsection (1)(a).
- (12) Sections 116ZA and 117 apply to a new certificate issued under subsection (9) or (10) (a) as if the certificate had been issued under section 113A(1), 113B(1), 114(1) or, as the case may be, 116(1).]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 116ZA, 116ZB inserted (S.) (8.2.2016) by [The Police Act 1997 and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups \(Scotland\) Act 2007 Remedial \(No. 2\) Order 2015 \(S.S.I. 2015/423\)](#), arts. 1(2), **3(4)** (with arts. 5-10, 12)
- F2** Words in s. 116ZB(1)(b) substituted (17.2.2018) by [The Police Act 1997 and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups \(Scotland\) Act 2007 Remedial Order 2018 \(S.S.I. 2018/52\)](#), arts. 1(2), **3(3)**

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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. 112(2A) inserted by [2011 c. 24 \(N.I.\) s. 101](#)
- s. 112(2A) inserted by [2009 c. 26 s. 93](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 93 repealed (10.9.2012) without ever being in force by 2012 c. 9, ss. 79(1), 120, Sch. 10 Pt. 6; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2(cc))
- s. 113(3)(e) words inserted by [S.S.I. 2006/50 art. 2\(2\)](#)
- s. 113(3G) inserted by [2002 c. 32 Sch. 12 para. 14](#)
- s. 113(3G) inserted by 2002 c. 32, Sch. 12 para. 14 (as extended) by [2003 asp 5 s. 12\(1\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 113(3EA)(3EB) inserted by [S.I. 2003/417 \(N.I.\) art. 17\(4\)](#)
- s. 113(3EC)(3ED) inserted by [S.I. 2003/417 \(N.I.\) art. 47\(3\)](#)
- s. 113(4A) inserted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 35 para. 3\(3\)](#)
- s. 113(4A) insertion by 2003 c. 44, Sch. 35 para. 3(3) extended to N.I. by [2005 c. 15 s. 167\(a\)](#)
- s. 113A(6A)-(6C) inserted by [2011 asp 1 s. 188\(b\)](#)
- s. 115(5)(ec) inserted by [2002 c. 32 Sch. 12 para. 15\(2\)](#)
- s. 115(5)(ec) inserted by 2002 c. 32, Sch. 12 para. 15(2) (as extended) by [2003 asp 5 s. 12\(1\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 115(5)(ga) inserted by [2001 c. 12 s. 21](#) (Amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 21 repealed (6.4.2006 for E.W.) by 2003 c. 44, Sch. 37 Pt. 11; S.I. 2006/751, art. 2(d))
- s. 115(6BB) inserted by [2002 c. 32 Sch. 12 para. 15\(3\)](#)
- s. 115(6BB) inserted by 2002 c. 32, Sch. 12 para. 15(3) (as extended) by [2003 asp 5 s. 12\(1\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 115(6EA) inserted by [S.I. 2003/417 \(N.I.\) art. 17\(5\)](#)
- s. 115(6EB) inserted by [S.I. 2003/417 \(N.I.\) art. 47\(4\)](#)
- s. 115(9A)(9B) inserted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 35 para. 4\(5\)](#)
- s. 115(9A)(9B) insertion by 2003 c. 44, Sch. 35 para. 4(5) extended to N.I. by [2005 c. 15 s. 167\(a\)](#)
- s. 118(2ZA) inserted by [2009 c. 26 s. 95](#)
- s. 118(2ZA) words substituted by [S.I. 2012/3006 art. 37\(j\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The insertion of s. 118(2ZA) by 2009 c. 26, s. 95 is still prospective)
- s. 121(a) inserted by [2006 asp 10 s. 3\(8\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 8B para. 102(ea) inserted by [2023 c. 47 s. 3\(2\)](#)