
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Road Traffic Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1996

PART II

TRIAL

Introductory

Time within which summary proceedings for certain offences must be commenced

10.—(1) Notwithstanding anything in Article 19(1) of the Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981, summary proceedings for an offence to which this Article applies may be brought within a period of 6 months from the date on which evidence sufficient in the opinion of the complainant to warrant the proceedings came to his knowledge; but no such proceedings shall be brought by virtue of this Article more than 3 years after the commission of the offence.

(2) For the purposes of this Article a certificate signed by or on behalf of the complainant and stating the date on which such evidence as aforesaid came to his knowledge shall be conclusive evidence of that fact; and a certificate stating that matter and purporting to be so signed shall be deemed to be so signed unless the contrary is proved.

(3) This Article applies to—

- (a) an offence under any of the following provisions of the Order of 1981—
 - (i) Article 11(3) (failure to notify Department of onset of, or deterioration in, relevant or prospective disability),
 - (ii) Article 15(7) (driving licence holder failing when his licence is revoked, to surrender it or, when his particulars become incorrect, to surrender the licence and counterpart and give particulars),
 - (iii) Article 90 (using, etc. motor vehicle without insurance or security against third party risks),
 - (iv) Article 166(1)(a) or (b) (applying for, or obtaining, driving licence while disqualified),
 - (v) Article 167(1)(a) (driving a motor vehicle while disqualified),
 - (vi) Article 167(3) (causing or permitting disqualified person to drive a motor vehicle),
 - (vii) Article 174(1) (making false statements or withholding information in connection with applications for licences, etc.);
- (b) an offence under Article 72 of this Order.