
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 1320

The Road Traffic Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1996

PART III

SENTENCE

General

Exemption from disqualification and endorsement for certain construction and use offences

53.—(1) Where a person is convicted of an offence under Article 54 of the Order of 1995 (using vehicle in dangerous condition etc.) the court must not—

- (a) order him to be disqualified, or
- (b) order any particulars or penalty points to be endorsed on the counterpart of any licence held by him [^{F1}or on his driving record],

if he proves that he did not know, and had no reasonable cause to suspect, that the use of the vehicle involved a danger of injury to any person.

(2) Where a person is convicted of an offence under Article 56 of the Order of 1995 (breach of requirement as to brakes, steering-gear or tyres) the court must not—

- (a) order him to be disqualified, or
- (b) order any particulars or any penalty points to be endorsed on the counterpart of any licence held by him [^{F2}or on his driving record],

if he proves that he did not know, and had no reasonable cause to suspect, that the facts of the case were such that the offence would be committed.

F1 Words in art. 53(1)(b) inserted (14.12.2010) by Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/916 (N.I. 10)), arts. 1(3), 39(6), **Sch. 4 para. 12**; S.R. 2010/370, **art. 2(2)**, Sch. Pt. II

F2 Words in art. 53(2)(b) inserted (14.12.2010) by Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/916 (N.I. 10)), arts. 1(3), 39(6), **Sch. 4 para. 12**; S.R. 2010/370, **art. 2(2)**, Sch. Pt. II

Changes to legislation:

The Road Traffic Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, Section 53 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 20 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- art. 15(1) power to apply conferred by SI 1981/154 (N.I. 1) Sch. 2A para. 7 (as inserted) by [S.I. 2007/916 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3](#)
- art. 31(3) inserted by [S.I. 2007/916 \(N.I.\) art. 10\(2\)](#)
- art. 35(1ZA)-(1ZC) inserted by [2016 c. 11 \(N.I.\) s. 12\(2\)](#)
- art. 35(3A) inserted by [2016 c. 11 \(N.I.\) s. 13\(2\)](#)
- art. 36(3A) inserted by [2009 c. 25 Sch. 21 para. 92\(3\)\(d\)](#)
- art. 36(4A) inserted by [2016 c. 11 \(N.I.\) s. 14\(2\)](#)
- art. 36(9)(b) word inserted by [2016 c. 11 \(N.I.\) s. 14\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- art. 36(9)(c) word repealed by [2016 c. 11 \(N.I.\) s. 14\(5\)\(b\)Sch. 2](#)
- art. 36(9)(d) repealed by [2016 c. 11 \(N.I.\) s. 14\(5\)\(c\)Sch. 2](#)
- art. 37(2A) inserted by [2009 c. 25 Sch. 21 para. 92\(4\)\(c\)](#)
- art. 38A(5A) inserted by [2009 c. 25 Sch. 21 para. 92\(5\)\(c\)](#)
- art. 38A(6A) inserted by [2009 c. 25 Sch. 21 para. 92\(5\)\(e\)](#)
- art. 42(2A) inserted by [2009 c. 25 Sch. 21 para. 92\(7\)\(c\)](#)
- art. 47(3A) inserted by [2009 c. 25 Sch. 21 para. 92\(8\)\(b\)](#)
- art. 47(3B) inserted by [2009 c. 25 Sch. 21 para. 92\(8\)\(c\)](#)
- art. 52(2ZA) inserted by [2009 c. 25 Sch. 21 para. 92\(9\)\(b\)](#)
- art. 54A inserted by [2016 c. 11 \(N.I.\) s. 15](#)
- art. 59(2A) inserted by [2016 c. 11 \(N.I.\) s. 8\(2\)](#)
- art. 59(4) added by [2016 c. 11 \(N.I.\) s. 8\(3\)](#)
- art. 59A-59C inserted by [2016 c. 11 \(N.I.\) s. 9\(1\)](#)
- art. 63A(7) added by [2016 c. 11 \(N.I.\) s. 11\(1\)\(d\)](#)
- art. 64B inserted by [2016 c. 11 \(N.I.\) s. 8\(5\)](#)