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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2015 No. 320 (C. 26)**

**JUSTICE**

**The Justice (2015 Act) (Commencement  
No. 1) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015**

*Made* - - - - *3rd August 2015*

The Department of Justice, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 106(2) of the Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2015<sup>(1)</sup>, makes the following Order:

**Citation**

1. This Order may be cited as the Justice (2015 Act) (Commencement No. 1) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015.

**Appointed day**

2. The day appointed for the coming into operation of the following provisions of the Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 is 1st September 2015 —

- (a) section 28 (the Victim Charter);
- (b) section 29 (meaning of victim);
- (c) section 31 (procedure for issuing Charters);
- (d) section 32 (effect of non-compliance);
- (e) section 33 (persons to be afforded opportunity to make victim statement);
- (f) section 34 (supplementary statement); and
- (g) section 35 (use of victim statement).

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**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

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Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Justice on 3rd August 2015.



*David Ford*  
Minister of Justice

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order brings sections 28, 29 and 31 – 35 of the Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (c.9) into operation on 1 September 2015.

Sections 28 and 29 relate to a Victim Charter and the meaning of a victim. Section 31 sets out the procedure for issuing a Charter, while section 32 deals with non-compliance with the Charter by a criminal justice agency. Section 33 sets out who is to be afforded the opportunity to make a victim statement, section 34 provides for making a supplementary statement and section 35 provides that the court must have regard to a victim statement in determining a sentence.