



Northern Ireland (Sentences) Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 35

Sentence Review Commissioners

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- (1) The Secretary of State shall appoint Sentence Review Commissioners.
- (2) The Secretary of State shall so far as reasonably practicable ensure that at any time—
 - (a) at least one of the Commissioners is a lawyer, and
 - (b) at least one is a psychiatrist or a psychologist.
- (3) In making appointments the Secretary of State shall have regard to the desirability of the Commissioners, as a group, commanding widespread acceptance throughout the community in Northern Ireland.
- (4) Schedule 1 (which makes further provision about the Commissioners) shall have effect.
- (5) In subsection (2)(a) “lawyer” means a person who holds a legal qualification in the United Kingdom.

Changes to legislation:

Northern Ireland (Sentences) Act 1998, Section 1 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 09 August 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 Act associated Parts and Chapters:

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

- s. 3(6A)(6B) inserted by [2023 c. 41 Sch. 12 para. 2\(2\)](#)
- s. 3(7A)(7B) inserted by [2023 c. 41 Sch. 12 para. 2\(4\)](#)
- s. 13A inserted by [2023 c. 41 Sch. 12 para. 4](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 2(A1)(A2) inserted by [2023 c. 41 Sch. 12 para. 3\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 2(1A) inserted by [2023 c. 41 Sch. 12 para. 3\(4\)](#)