



# Sentencing (Pre-consolidation Amendments) Act 2020

## 2020 CHAPTER 9

### 3 Interpretation

(1) In this Act—

“the Acts relating to sentencing” means—

- (a) the Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000;
- (b) Part 12 of the Criminal Justice Act 2003;
- (c) the following Acts so far as relating to the sentencing of offenders in England and Wales—
  - (i) the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005;
  - (ii) the Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008;
  - (iii) the Coroners and Justice Act 2009;
  - (iv) the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012;
  - (v) the Offender Rehabilitation Act 2014;
  - (vi) the Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015,

and any other provision of an Act so far as it relates to the sentencing of offenders in England and Wales, whenever passed;

“the consolidation date” means the date on which the sentencing consolidation is to come into force (except so far as it consolidates legislation that is not in force immediately before that date);

“enactment” includes an enactment contained in subordinate legislation;

“the sentencing consolidation” means, if an Act or group of Acts of a kind mentioned in section 5(2) is passed, that Act or group of Acts;

“sentencing legislation” means any enactment, whenever passed or made which is—

- (a) an enactment relating to the sentencing of offenders, including any power to make such an enactment, or

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- (b) an enactment referring to, or applying, modifying, amending, repealing or revoking, an enactment within paragraph (a);  
“the sentencing of offenders” includes anything done by a court, including making an order—
    - (a) in relation to a parent or guardian of an offender, or
    - (b) relating to the behaviour of the offender,when dealing with an offender for an offence.
- (2) References in this Act to a person's being convicted include—
- (a) a special verdict (within the meaning of section 1 of the Criminal Procedure (Insanity) Act 1964) being returned,
  - (b) a finding mentioned in section 5(1)(b) of that Act being made of the person's having done the act or made the omission charged (following a finding of being under a disability), and
  - (c) being convicted by or before a service court (within the meaning given in section 305 of the Criminal Justice Act 2003).

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**Commencement Information**

- I1** S. 3 in force for specified purposes at Royal Assent, see. s. 5(1)-(3)
- I2** S. 3 in force at 1.12.2020 in so far as not already in force immediately before "the consolidation date" by S.I. 2020/1236, **reg. 2**

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