



2021 CHAPTER 2

**PART 1**

Domestic abuse: offence and aggravation

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Offence of domestic abuse

*Applicable rules and penalty*

**Behaviour occurring outside the UK**

**10.—(1) If—**

- (a) a person's course of behaviour consists of or includes behaviour occurring in a country outside the United Kingdom,
- (b) the domestic abuse offence would be constituted by virtue of the course of behaviour if it occurred in Northern Ireland, and
- (c) the person is a United Kingdom national or is habitually resident in Northern Ireland,

the person commits the domestic abuse offence as if the course of behaviour occurred in Northern Ireland.

**(2) In this section—**

“country” includes territory,

“United Kingdom national” means an individual who is—

- (a) a British citizen, a British overseas territories citizen, a British National (Overseas) or a British Overseas citizen,

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- (b) a person who under the British Nationality Act 1981 is a British subject,  
or
- (c) a British protected person within the meaning of that Act.

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**Commencement Information**

**II** S. 10 in operation at 21.2.2022 by S.R. 2022/57, art. 2(j)

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