
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2003 No. 435

Access to Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003

[^{F1}PART 2

CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES AND CRIMINAL DEFENCE SERVICES

Functions of the Department: general]

[^{F1}Exercise of functions of the Department under this Part

3. The Department shall exercise its functions under this Part for the purpose of—
- (a) securing (within the resources made available, and priorities set, in accordance with this Part) that individuals have access to civil legal services that effectively meet their needs, and promoting the availability to individuals of such services; and
 - (b) securing that individuals involved in criminal investigations or relevant proceedings have access to such criminal defence services as the interests of justice require.]

F1 Art. 3 substituted (1.4.2015) by [Legal Aid and Coroners' Courts Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2014 \(c. 11\)](#), s. 12(1), [Sch. 2 para. 6\(3\)](#) (with ss. 2(3), 9, [Sch. 1 para. 3\(3\)](#)); S.R. 2015/193, art. 2(e)

Changes to legislation:

Access to Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, Section 3 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 14 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):

- Sch. 2 para. 2(ic)(id) inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 56\(8\)](#)
- Sch. 4 para. 10(b)(c) coming into force by [S.R. 2015/194 art. 2Sch.](#) (This amendment is not be applied - relevant text is not available on [legislation.gov.uk](#))
- art. 14(2AA) inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 56\(7\)](#)
- art. 27A inserted by [2011 c. 24 \(N.I.\) s. 84\(2\)](#)
- art. 27A(1)(2) word substituted by [2014 c. 11 \(N.I.\) Sch. 2 para. 6\(28\)](#)
- art. 46(5A) inserted by [2011 c. 24 \(N.I.\) s. 84\(4\)](#)