



Bail Act 1976

1976 CHAPTER 63

Bail for accused persons and others

4 General right to bail of accused persons and others.

- (1) A person to whom this section applies shall be granted bail except as provided in Schedule 1 to this Act.
- (2) This section applies to a person who is accused of an offence when—
 - (a) he appears or is brought before a magistrates' court or the Crown Court in the course of or in connection with proceedings for the offence, or
 - (b) he applies to a court for bail in connection with the proceedings.

This subsection does not apply as respects proceedings on or after a person's conviction of the offence or proceedings against a fugitive offender for the offence.
- (3) This section also applies to a person who, having been convicted of an offence, appears or is brought before a magistrates' court to be dealt with under section 6 or section 16 of the ^{M1}Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973 (breach of requirement of probation or community service order).
- (4) This section also applies to a person who has been convicted of an offence and whose case is adjourned by the court for the purpose of enabling inquiries or a report to be made to assist the court in dealing with him for the offence.
- (5) Schedule 1 to this Act also has effect as respects conditions of bail for a person to whom this section applies.
- (6) In Schedule 1 to this Act "the defendant" means a person to whom this section applies and any reference to a defendant whose case is adjourned for inquiries or a report is a reference to a person to whom this section applies by virtue of subsection (4) above.
- (7) This section is subject to [^{F1}section 41 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980] (restriction of bail by magistrates' court in cases of treason).

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Textual Amendments

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