



# Oaths Act 1978

1978 CHAPTER 19

## PART II

UNITED KINGDOM

*Supplementary*

### 7 Repeals and savings

- (1) The enactments specified in Part I of the Schedule to this Act (consequential repeals) and Part II of that Schedule (enactment obsolete since the Oaths Act 1888) are hereby repealed to the extent specified in the third column of that Schedule.
- (2) In so far as anything done under an enactment repealed by this Act could have been done under a corresponding provision of this Act, it shall not be invalidated by the repeal but shall have effect as if done under that provision.
- (3) Where any instrument or document refers, either expressly or by implication, to an enactment repealed by this Act, the reference shall, except where the context otherwise requires, be construed as, or as including, a reference to the corresponding provision of this Act.
- (4) The court-martial enactments (which make provision in relation to the use of affirmations at courts-martial corresponding to that made by subsection (2) of section 1 of the Oaths Act 1961) shall not be affected by the repeal of subsection (3) of that section (by virtue of which each of them was inserted in the section in which it appears).
- (5) In this Act " the court-martial enactments " means—  
section 102(2) of the Army Act 1955 ;  
section 102(2) of the Air Force Act 1955 ; and  
section 60(6) of the Naval Discipline Act 1957.
- (6) Nothing in this Act shall be taken as prejudicing the operation of section 38 of the Interpretation Act 1889 (which relates to the effect of repeals).

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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## **8 Short title, extent and commencement**

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Oaths Act 1978.
- (2) Part I of this Act does not extend to Scotland.
- (3) It is hereby declared that this Act extends to Northern Ireland.
- (4) In their application to each of the court-martial enactments subsections (4) and (5) of section 7 above extend to any territory to which that enactment extends.
- (5) This Act shall come into force on the expiration of the period of one month from the date on which it is passed.