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Magistrates' Courts Act 1980

1980 CHAPTER 43

PART II

CIVIL JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURE

Jurisdiction to issue summons and deal with complaints

[^{F1}51 Issue of summons on complaint

Where a complaint relating to a person is made to a justice of the peace, the justice of the peace may issue a summons to the person requiring him to appear before a magistrates' court to answer to the complaint.]

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 51 substituted (1.4.2005) by [Courts Act 2003 \(c. 39\)](#), **ss. 47(1)**, 110; S.I. 2005/910, **art. 3(q)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 51 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/60, rule 62.16 (as substituted (4.4.2011) by [The Criminal Procedure \(Amendment No. 2\) Rules 2010 \(S.I. 2010/3026\)](#), rules 1, 9, **Sch. 2**)

C2 S. 51 applied (with modifications) (1.4.1997) by S.I. 1997/704, **rule 5(2)(3)(4)(a)**

52 Jurisdiction to deal with complaints.

[^{F2}(1) A magistrates' court has jurisdiction to hear any complaint.

(2) But subsection (1) is subject to provision made by any enactment.]

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F2 S. 52 substituted (1.4.2005) by [Courts Act 2003 \(c. 39\)](#), **ss. 47(2)**, 110; S.I. 2005/910, **art. 3(q)**

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