



Criminal Appeal (Northern Ireland) Act 1980

1980 CHAPTER 47

PART I

APPEAL TO COURT OF APPEAL FROM CROWN COURT

Appeal against conviction on indictment

2 Grounds for allowing appeal against conviction.

[^{F1}(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Court of Appeal—

- (a) shall allow an appeal against conviction if it thinks that the conviction is unsafe; and
- (b) shall dismiss such an appeal in any other case.]

(2) If the Court allows an appeal against conviction it shall quash the conviction.

(3) An order of the Court quashing a conviction shall, except when under section 6 of this Act the appellant is ordered to be retried, operate as a direction to the chief clerk acting for the court of trial to enter, instead of the record of conviction, a judgment and verdict of acquittal.

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 2(1) substituted (1.1.1996) by [1995 c. 35, s. 2\(2\)](#); [S.I. 1995/3061, art. 3](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 2(1) modified (4.5.2010) by [The Criminal Evidence \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1999 \(S.I. 1999/2789 \(N.I. 8\)\)](#), arts. 1(2), [34\(5\)](#); [S.R. 2010/142, art. 2](#), Sch. para. 1

Changes to legislation:

Criminal Appeal (Northern Ireland) Act 1980, Section 2 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 22 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 Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 7(3A) words substituted by [2016 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 10 para. 3\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 7(3A) words substituted by [2016 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 10 para. 3\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 7(3A) words substituted by [2016 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 10 para. 3\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 36(3)(b) words substituted by [2016 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 10 para. 11\(3\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 36(3)(b) words substituted by [2016 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 10 para. 11\(3\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 36(3)(c) words substituted by [2016 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 10 para. 11\(3\)\(c\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 36(3)(c) words substituted by [2016 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 10 para. 11\(3\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#)