



Contempt of Court Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 49

Penalties for contempt and kindred offences

16 Enforcement of fines imposed by certain superior courts.

- (1) Payment of a fine for contempt of court imposed by a superior court, other than the Crown Court or one of the courts specified in subsection (4) below, may be enforced upon the order of the court—
 - (a) in like manner as a judgment of the High Court for the payment of money; or
 - (b) in like manner as a fine imposed by the Crown Court.
- (2) Where payment of a fine imposed by any court falls to be enforced as mentioned in paragraph (a) of subsection (1)—
 - (a) the court shall, if the fine is not paid in full forthwith or within such time as the court may allow, certify to Her Majesty's Remembrancer the sum payable;
 - (b) Her Majesty's Remembrancer shall thereupon proceed to enforce payment of that sum as if it were due to him as a judgment debt; . . . ^{F1}
 - (c) ^{F2}
- (3) Where payment of a fine imposed by any court falls to be enforced as mentioned in paragraph (b) of subsection (1), the provisions of sections 31 and 32 of the ^{M1}Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973 shall apply as they apply to a fine imposed by the Crown Court.
- (4) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to fines imposed by the criminal division of the Court of Appeal or by the House of Lords on appeal from that division.
- (5) The Fines Act 1833 shall not apply to a fine to which subsection (1) of this section applies.
- (6) Paragraph 23(1) of Schedule 11 to the ^{M2}Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 and paragraph 30 of Schedule 1 to the ^{M3}Employment Act 1980 (which relate to the enforcement of fines imposed by the Employment Appeal Tribunal) are repealed.

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Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Contempt of Court Act 1981, Section 16. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word repealed (1.1.1982) by [Supreme Court Act 1981 \(c. 54\)](#), **Sch. 7**
F2 [S. 16\(2\)\(c\)](#) repealed (1.1.1982) by [Supreme Court Act 1981 \(c. 54\)](#), **Sch. 7**
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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** The text of ss. 3(4), 4(4), 14(5), 16(6), Sch. 2 Pt.II and Pt. III paras. 1, 6 and 7 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991
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Marginal Citations

- M1** [1973 c. 62.](#)
M2 [1978 c. 44.](#)
M3 [1980 c. 42.](#)

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