



# Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984

## CHAPTER 60

### POLICE AND CRIMINAL EVIDENCE ACT 1984

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- 2 The first set of access conditions is fulfilled if—
- 3 The second set of access conditions is fulfilled if—
- 4 An order under this paragraph is an order that the...
- 5 Where the material consists of information stored in any electronic...
- 6 For the purposes of sections 21 and 22 above material...

#### *Notices of applications for orders*

- 7 An application for an order under paragraph 4 above that...
- 8 Notice of an application for an order under paragraph 4...

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- 9 Notice of an application for an order under paragraph 4...
- 10 For the purposes of paragraph 8 , and of section...
- 11 Where notice of an application for an order under paragraph...

*Issue of warrants by judge*

- 12 If on an application made by a constable a judge—...
- 12A The judge may not issue an all premises warrant unless...
- 13 A constable may seize and retain anything for which a...
- 14 The further conditions mentioned in paragraph 12 (a)(ii) above are—...
- 15 (1) If a person fails to comply with an order...

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*Costs*

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- 3 *Prevention of Crime Act 1953*
- 4 *Sexual Offences Act 1956*
- 5 *Obscene Publications Act 1959*
- 5A *Firearms Act 1968*
- 6 *Theft Act 1968*
- 6A *Misuse of Drugs Act 1971*
- 7 *Theft Act 1978*
- 8 *Protection of Children Act 1978*
- 9 *Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981*
- 10 An offence under— (a) section 1(5) of the Wildlife and...
- 11 *Civil Aviation Act 1982*
- 11A An offence of contravening a provision of an Order in...
- 12 *Aviation Security Act 1982*
- 13 *Sexual Offences Act 1985*
- 14 *Public Order Act 1986*
- 15 *Criminal Justice Act 1988*
- 16 *Road Traffic Act 1988*
- 17 An offence under subsection (4) of section 170 of the...
- 17A An offence under section 174 of the Road Traffic Act...
- 18 *Official Secrets Act 1989*
- 19 *Football Spectators Act 1989*
- 20 *Football (Offences) Act 1991*
- 21 *Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994*
- 22 *Police Act 1996*
- 23 *Protection from Harassment Act 1997*
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- 25 *Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001*
- 26 *Licensing Act 2003*

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27 Sexual Offences Act 2003

27A Prevention of Terrorism Act 2005

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Part 1 — FINGERPRINTING

*Persons arrested and released*

1 (1) A constable may require a person to attend a...

*Persons charged etc*

2 (1) A constable may require a person to attend a...

*Persons convicted etc of an offence in England and Wales*

3 (1) A constable may require a person to attend a...

*Persons subject to a control order*

4 . . . . .

*Persons convicted etc of an offence outside England and Wales*

5 A constable may require a person to attend a police...

*Multiple attendance*

6 (1) Where a person's fingerprints have been taken under section...

Part 2 — INTIMATE SAMPLES

*Persons suspected to be involved in an offence*

7 A constable may require a person to attend a police...

*Persons convicted etc of an offence outside England and Wales*

8 A constable may require a person to attend a police...

Part 3 — NON-INTIMATE SAMPLES

*Persons arrested and released*

9 (1) A constable may require a person to attend a...

*Persons charged etc*

10 (1) A constable may require a person to attend a...

*Persons convicted etc of an offence in England and Wales*

11 (1) A constable may require a person to attend a...

*Persons subject to a control order*

12 A constable may require a person to attend a police...



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*Persons convicted etc of an offence outside England and Wales*

13 A constable may require a person to attend a police...

*Multiple exercise of power*

14 (1) Where a non-intimate sample has been taken from a...  
Part 4 — GENERAL AND SUPPLEMENTARY

*Requirement to have power to take fingerprints or sample*

15 A power conferred by this Schedule to require a person...

*Date and time of attendance*

16 (1) A requirement under this Schedule— (a) must direct the...

*Enforcement*

17 A constable may arrest without warrant a person who has...

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1–7 .....

Part II — PROVISIONS SUPPLEMENTARY TO SECTION 69

8 In any proceedings where it is desired to give a...  
9 Notwithstanding paragraph 8 above, a court may require oral evidence...  
10 Any person who in a certificate tendered under paragraph 8...  
11 In estimating the weight, if any, to be attached to...  
12 For the purposes of paragraph 11 above information shall be...

Part III — PROVISIONS SUPPLEMENTARY TO SECTIONS 68 AND 69

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14 For the purpose of deciding whether or not a statement...  
15 Provision may be made by rules of court for supplementing...

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*Constitution of Authority*

1 (1) The Police Complaints Authority shall consist of a chairman...

*Incorporation and status of Authority*

2 (1) The Authority shall be a body corporate.

*Members*

3 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this Schedule, a...  
4 The Secretary of State may pay, or make such payments...  
5 Where a person ceases to hold such an office otherwise...

*Staff*

6 The Authority may, after consultation with the Secretary of State,...  
7 (1) Employment by the Authority shall be included among the...

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- 8 The Employers' Liability (Compulsory Insurance) Act 1969 shall not require...

*Power of Authority to set up regional offices*

- 9 (1) If it appears to the Authority that it is...

*Proceedings*

- 10 (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the arrangements...  
11 The validity of any proceedings of the Authority shall not...

*Finance*

- 12 The Secretary of State shall pay to the Authority expenses...  
13 (1) It shall be the duty of the Authority—  
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*Information received by Police Complaints Board*

- 14 (1) No information received by the Police Complaints Board in...

*Property, rights and liabilities*

- 15 (1) On the day on which section 83 above comes...

*Proceedings*

- 16 Proceedings in any court to which the Police Complaints Board...

*Payments to former members of Police Complaints Board*

- 17 Where a person— (a) ceases to be a member of...

*General*

- 18 Paragraphs 14 to 17 above are without prejudice to the...

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2 Murder.  
3 Manslaughter.  
4 Rape.  
5 Kidnapping.  
6 Incest with a girl under the age of 13.  
7 Buggery with a person under the age of 16.  
8 Indecent assault which constitutes an act of gross indecency.  
9 An offence under section 170 of the Customs and Excise...

Part II — OFFENCES MENTIONED IN SECTION 116(2)(B)

*Explosive Substances Act 1883 (c. 3)*

- 1 Section 2 (causing explosion likely to endanger life or property)....  
2 Section 5 (intercourse with a girl under the age of...

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*Firearms Act 1968 (c. 27)*

- 3 Section 16 (possession of firearms with intent to injure).
- 4 Section 17(1) (use of firearms and imitation firearms to resist...
- 5 Section 18 (carrying firearms with criminal intent).
- 6 .....

*Taking of Hostages Act 1982 (c. 28)*

- 7 Section 1 (hostage-taking).

*Aviation Security Act 1982 (c. 36)*

- 8 Section 1 (hi-jacking).

*Criminal Justice Act 1988 (c. 33)*

- 9 Section 134 (Torture).

*The Road Traffic Act 1988 (c. 52)*

Section 1 (causing death by dangerous driving). Section 3A (causing...

*Aviation and Maritime Security Act 1990 (c. 31)*

- 11 Section 1 (endangering safety at aerodromes).
- 12 Section 9 (hijacking of ships).
- 13 Section 10 (seizing or exercising control of fixed platforms).

*Channel Tunnel (Security) Order 1994 No.*

- 14 Article 4 (hijacking of Channel Tunnel trains).
- 15 Article 5 (seizing or exercising control of the tunnel system)....

*Protection of Children Act 1978 (c. 37.)*

- 16 Section 1 (indecent photographs and pseudo-photographs of children).

*Obscene Publications Act 1959 (c.66.)*

- 17 Section 2 (publication of obscene matter).

*Sexual Offences Act 2003*

- 18 Section 1 (rape).
- 19 Section 2 (assault by penetration).
- 20 Section 4 (causing a person to engage in sexual activity...
- 21 Section 5 (rape of a child under 13).
- 22 Section 6 (assault of a child under 13 by penetration)....
- 23 Section 8 (causing or inciting a child under 13 to...
- 25 Section 31 (causing or inciting a person, with a mental...

*Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004*

- 24 Section 5 (causing or allowing the death of a child...

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*Game Act 1831 (c. 32)*

1 The following section shall be inserted after section 31 of...

*Metropolitan Police Act 1839 (c. 47)*

2 In section 39 of the Metropolitan Police Act 1839 (fairs...

*Railway Regulation Act 1840 (c. 97)*

3 In section 16 of the Railway Regulation Act 1840 (persons...

*London Hackney Carriages Act 1843 (c. 86)*

4 In section 27 of the London Hackney Carriages Act 1843...

*Town Gardens Protection Act 1863 (c. 13)*

5 In section 5 of the Town Gardens Protection Act 1863...

*Parks Regulation Act 1872 (c. 15)*

6 The following section shall be substituted for section 5 of...

*Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 (c. 28)*

7 In the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 the following...

*Army Act 1955 (c. 18) Air Force Act 1955 (c. 19)*

8 The following subsection shall be substituted for section 195(3) of...

*Sexual Offences Act 1956 (c. 69)*

9 At the end of section 41 of the Sexual Offences...

*Game Laws (Amendment) Act 1960 (c. 36)*

10 In subsection (1) of section 2 of the Game Laws...

11 In subsection (1) of section 4 of that Act (enforcement...

*Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 (c. 2)*

12 The following subsection shall be substituted for subsection (2) of...

*Deer Act 1963 (c. 36)*

13 .....

*Police Act 1964 (c. 48)*

14 .....

15 .....

16 .....

*Criminal Law Act 1967 (c. 58)*

17 The following subsection shall be inserted after section 4(1) of...

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*Theatres Act 1968 (c. 54)*

18 In section 15(1) of the Theatres Act 1968 (powers of...

*Children and Young Persons Act 1969 (c. 54)*

19 In the Children and Young Persons Act 1969—

*Immigration Act 1971 (c. 77)*

20 In section 25(3) of the Immigration Act 1971 for the...

*Criminal Justice Act 1972 (c. 71)*

21 In subsection (1) of section 34 of the Criminal Justice...

*Child Care Act 1980 (c. 5)*

22 .....

*Deer Act 1980 (c. 49)*

23 .....

*Animal Health Act 1981 (c. 22)*

24 In subsection (5) of section 60 of the Animal Health...

*Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (c. 69)*

25 In subsection (2) of section 19 of the Wildlife and...

*Mental Health Act 1983 (c. 20)*

26 In section 135(4) of the Mental Health Act 1983 for...

27 .....

Part II — OTHER AMENDMENTS

*Army Act 1955 (c. 18)*

28 (1) The Army Act 1955 shall be amended as follows....

*Air Force Act 1955 (c. 19)*

29 (1) The Air Force Act 1955 shall be amended as...

*Police (Scotland) Act 1967 (c. 77)*

30 In section 6(2) of the Police (Scotland) Act 1967 (constables...

31 In section 7(1) of that Act (ranks) after the words...

32 In section 26(7) of that Act (disciplinary authority) immediately before...

33 In section 31(2) of that Act (compulsory retirement of chief...

*Courts-Martial (Appeals) Act 1968 (c. 20)*

34 .....

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*House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 (c. 24) Northern  
Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975 (c. 25)*

35 In Part II of Schedule 1 to the House of...

*Armed Forces Act 1976 (c. 52)*

36 .....

*Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 (c. 2)*

37 The following subsection shall be substituted for section 138(4) of...

38 In section 161 of that Act— (a) in subsection (3),...

*Betting and Gaming Duties Act 1981 (c. 63)*

39 In the following provisions of the Betting and Gaming Duties...

*Car Tax Act 1983 (c. 53)*

40 In paragraph 7(3) of Schedule 1 to the Car Tax...

*Value Added Tax Act 1983 (c. 55)*

41 .....

SCHEDULE 7 — Repeals

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