



Criminal Justice Act 1991

1991 CHAPTER 53

PART III

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS

Children's evidence

52 Competence of children as witnesses.

(1) After section 33 of the 1988 Act there shall be inserted the following section—

“33A Evidence given by children.

- (1) A child's evidence in criminal proceedings shall be given unsworn.
- (2) A deposition of a child's unsworn evidence may be taken for the purposes of criminal proceedings as if that evidence had been given on oath.
- (3) In this section “child” means a person under fourteen years of age.”

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Textual Amendments

F1 S. 52(2) repealed (3.2.1995) by 1994 c. 33, s. 168(3), **Sch.11**; S.I. 1995/127, art. 2(1), **Sch. 1**, Appendix C.

Commencement Information

II S. 52 wholly in force at 1.10.1992 see s. 102(2)(3) and S.I. 1992/333, art. 2(2), **Sch. 2**.

Status:

Point in time view as at 03/02/1995. This version of this provision has been superseded.

Changes to legislation:

Criminal Justice Act 1991, Section 52 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 09 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.