



Social Security Administration Act 1992

1992 CHAPTER 5

PART VI

ENFORCEMENT

Inspection and offences

111 Delay, obstruction etc. of inspector

(1) If a person—

(a) intentionally delays or obstructs an [^{F1}authorised officer] in the exercise of any power under this Act [^{F2}other than an Inland Revenue Power];

[^{F3}(ab) refuses or neglects to comply with any requirement under section 109BA [^{F4}or 110AA] or with the requirements of any arrangements entered into in accordance with subsection (1) of that section, or]

(b) refuses or neglects to answer any question or to furnish any information or to produce any document when required to do so under this Act [^{F5}otherwise than in the exercise of an Inland Revenue Power],

he shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

(2) Where a person is convicted of an offence under [^{F6}subsection (1)(ab) or (b)] above and the refusal or neglect is continued by him after his conviction, he shall be guilty of a further offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £40 for each day on which it is continued.

[^{F7}(3) In subsection (1) “Inland Revenue power” means any power conferred on an officer of the Inland Revenue by [^{F8}virtue of] section 110ZA above or by virtue of [^{F9}an authorisation granted under section 109A [^{F10}or 110A]] above.]

[^{F11}(4)]

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 111(1)(a) substituted (30.4.2002) by [Social Security Fraud Act 2001 \(c. 11\), ss. 1\(6\), 20\(1\); S.I. 2002/1222, art. 2\(a\)](#)
- F2** Words in s. 111(1) inserted (1.4.1999) by [Social Security Contributions \(Transfer of Functions, etc.\) Act 1999 \(c. 2\), s. 28\(3\), Sch. 5 para. 4\(2\)\(a\); S.I. 1999/527, art. 2\(b\), Sch. 2](#)
- F3** S. 111(1)(ab) substituted (30.4.2002) by [Social Security Fraud Act 2001 \(c. 11\), ss. 2\(3\)\(a\), 20\(1\); S.I. 2002/1222, art. 2\(b\)](#)
- F4** Words in s. 111(1)(ab) repealed (1.4.2013 in so far as relates to the abolition of council tax benefit) by [Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(c. 5\), s. 150\(3\), Sch. 14 Pt. 1; S.I. 2013/358, art. 8\(c\), Sch. 4 \(with arts. 9, 10, Sch. 5\)](#)
- F5** Words in s. 111(1) inserted (1.4.1999) by [Social Security Contributions \(Transfer of Functions, etc.\) Act 1999 \(c. 2\), s. 28\(3\), Sch. 5 para. 4\(2\)\(b\); S.I. 1999/527, art. 2\(b\), Sch. 2](#)
- F6** Words in s. 111(2) substituted (30.4.2002) by [Social Security Fraud Act 2001 \(c. 11\), ss. 2\(3\)\(b\), 20\(1\); S.I. 2002/1222, art. 2\(b\)](#)
- F7** S. 111(3)(4) inserted (1.4.1999) by [Social Security Contributions \(Transfer of Functions, etc.\) Act 1999 \(c. 2\), s. 28\(3\), Sch. 5 para. 4\(3\); S.I. 1999/527, art. 2\(b\), Sch. 2](#)
- F8** Words in s. 111(3) inserted (6.4.2005) by [National Insurance Contributions and Statutory Payments Act 2004 \(c. 3\), s. 13, Sch. 1 para. 3\(2\)\(a\); S.I. 2004/1943, art. 5\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- F9** Words in s. 111(3) substituted (2.4.2001) by [Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000 \(c. 19\), s. 86, Sch. 6 para. 4\(a\); S.I. 2001/1252, art. 2\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- F10** Words in s. 111(3) repealed (1.4.2013 in so far as relates to the abolition of council tax benefit) by [Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(c. 5\), s. 150\(3\), Sch. 14 Pt. 1; S.I. 2013/358, art. 8\(c\), Sch. 4 \(with arts. 9, 10, Sch. 5\)](#)
- F11** S. 111(4) repealed (6.4.2005) by [National Insurance Contributions and Statutory Payments Act 2004 \(c. 3\), s. 13, Sch. 1 para. 3\(2\)\(b\), Sch. 2; S.I. 2004/1943, arts. 5\(b\)\(i\), 6\(b\)\(ii\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 111 applied (with modifications) by [The Welfare Food Regulations 1996 \(S.I. 1996/1434\), regs. 1, 22\(1\), Sch. 6 \(as amended \(28.11.2005\) by S.I. 2005/3262, regs. 1, 16\(d\)\(i\)\(e\)\(i\)\)](#)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2018/1125 reg. 8](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2018/1125, reg. 8 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Act 2020 (c. 24), s. 4(3), Sch. 5 para. 4(4))
- Act modified by [S.I. 2019/1302 art. 2](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk S.I. 2019/1302 revoked (17.12.2020) by The Social Security (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) (Citizens' Rights Agreement) (Revocation) Order 2020 (S.I. 2020/1569), arts. 1(2), 2)
- Act modified by [S.I. 2019/1303 art. 2](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2019/1303 revoked (17.12.2020) by The Social Security (Switzerland) (Citizens' Rights Agreement) (Revocation) Order 2020 (S.I. 2020/1570), arts. 1(2), 2)

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

- s. 2G(1)(d) inserted by [2012 c. 5 s. 59\(5\)](#)
- s. 5(1A)-(1C) inserted by [2009 c. 24 s. 22\(2\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 22 repealed (1.4.2013) by 2012 c. 5, s. 101(2); S.I. 2013/358, art. 4(2))
- s. 78A inserted by [2009 c. 24 s. 16\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 16-21 repealed (1.4.2013) by 2012 c. 5, s. 73; S.I. 2012/3090, art. 2(1)(b))
- s. 121B(1)(aa) inserted by [2007 asp 3 Sch. 5 para. 19\(a\)](#) (S. 121B repealed by Finance Act 2008 (c. 9), Sch. 43 para. 14)
- s. 121B(4) words inserted by [2007 asp 3 Sch. 5 para. 19\(b\)](#) (S. 121B repealed by Finance Act 2008 (c. 9), Sch. 43 para. 14)
- s. 122F(5) inserted by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 4 para. 12\(4\)](#)
- s. 122G inserted by [2009 c. 24 s. 18](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 16-21 repealed (1.4.2013) by 2012 c. 5, s. 73; S.I. 2012/3090, art. 2(1)(b))
- s. 122H inserted by [2009 c. 24 s. 20\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 16-21 repealed (1.4.2013) by 2012 c. 5, s. 73; S.I. 2012/3090, art. 2(1)(b))
- s. 134(2)-(2B) substituted for s. 134(2) by [2007 c. 5 s. 37](#)
- s. 148AB inserted by [2008 c. 30 Sch. 4 para. 14](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 4 paras. 13-22 repealed (1.10.2014) without ever being in force by 2014 c. 19, Sch. 12 para. 96(c); S.I. 2014/2377, art. 2(1)(a)(ii)(3)(c))
- s. 148AB(1)(2) words substituted by [2011 c. 19 Sch. 3 para. 8\(2\)](#)
- s. 148AB(9) inserted by [2011 c. 19 Sch. 3 para. 8\(3\)](#)
- s. 151(10)(b)(i)(ii) repealed by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 14 Pt. 1](#)
- s. 160C inserted by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 2 para. 24](#)
- s. 165(1)(b)(viii) and word inserted by [2023 c. 20 Sch. para. 19\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 190(1)(ac) inserted by [2009 c. 24 s. 21](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 16-21 repealed (1.4.2013) by 2012 c. 5, s. 73; S.I. 2012/3090, art. 2(1)(b))
- Sch. 4 Pt. 3 para. 5 word substituted by [S.I. 2010/978 art. 2](#)