



Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1993

1993 CHAPTER 9

PART I

DETENTION, TRANSFER AND RELEASE OF OFFENDERS

Early release

1 Release of short-term, long-term and life prisoners.

- (1) As soon as a short-term prisoner has served one-half of his sentence the Secretary of State shall, without prejudice to any supervised release order to which the prisoner is subject, release him unconditionally.
- (2) As soon as a long-term prisoner has served two-thirds of his sentence, the Secretary of State shall release him on licence
- (3) After a long-term prisoner has served one-half of his sentence the Secretary of State may, if recommended to do so by the Parole Board under this section, release him on licence.
- (4) If recommended to do so by the Parole Board under this section, the Secretary of State may, after consultation with—
 - (a) the Lord Justice General, whom failing the Lord Justice Clerk; and
 - (b) if available, the trial judge,release on licence a life prisoner who is not a discretionary life prisoner.
- (5) The Parole Board shall not make a recommendation under subsection (4) above unless the Secretary of State has referred the case to the Board for its advice.
- (6) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, the Secretary of State shall not release a person who is serving—

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- (a) a sentence of imprisonment for a term and one or more sentences of imprisonment for life; or
 - (b) more than one sentence of imprisonment for life,
- unless and until the requirements of those provisions are satisfied in respect of each of those sentences.
- (7) A person to whom subsection (6) above applies shall, when released on licence under this section, be released on a single licence under subsection (4) above.
- (8) Schedule 1 to this Act, which makes special provision as respects the release of persons serving both a sentence of imprisonment imposed on conviction of an offence and a term of imprisonment or detention referred to in section 5(1)(a) or (b) of this Act, shall have effect.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Ss. 1-3, 5, 6(1)(a)(b)(i)(iii), 9, 11-13, 15-21, 27, Schs. 2, 6 extended (1.10.1997) by 1997 c. 43, 56(1), Sch. 1 paras. 10(2)(5), 11(2)(4), Sch. 5 paras. 11(1)(3), 12(1); S.I. 1997/2200, **art. 2(1)(n)** (subject to art. 5 of the said S.I.) (which amendment fell (30.9.1998) by reason of the repeal of Sch. 5 paras. 11(1), 12(1) by 1998 c. 37, s. 120(2), **Sch. 10**; S.I. 1998/2327, **art. 2(1)(aa)(3)(x)** (subject to arts. 5-8 of the said S.I.)
- Ss. 1, 1A, 2(4), 3A, 5, 6(1)(a)(b)(i)(iii), 7, 9, 16, 20, 21, 26A, 27, Schs. 2, 6 extended (30.9.1998) by 1997 c. 43, ss. 41, 56(1), Sch. 1 Pt. II paras. 10(2)(a)(5)(a)(6)(7), **11(2)(a)(4)(a)(6)** (subject to art. 5) (as amended (30.9.1998) by 1998 c. 37, s. 119, **Sch. 8 paras. 135(5)(a)(d)(f)(6)(a)(b)**; S.I. 1998/2327, **art. 2(1)(y)(2)(oo)** (subject to arts. 5-8))
- S. 1(4) applied (with modifications) (1.10.1997) by S.I. 1997/1776, arts. 1, 2, Sch. paras. 5, 6, 7; S.I. 1997/2200, **art. 2(1)(g)**
- C2** S. 1(2)(3) modified (retrospectively) by 1984 c. 47, **Sch. para. 2(5)** (as inserted (1.10.1997) by 1997 c. 43, s. 42, **Sch. 2 para. 6(1)(2)**; S.I. 1997/2200, **art. 2(1)(h)** (subject to art. 5))
- S. 1(2)(3) modified (1.10.1997) by 1984 c. 47, **Sch. para. 2(5)** (as inserted (1.10.1997) by 1997 c. 43, s. 42, **Sch. 2 para. 7(1)(2)**; S.I. 1997/2200, **art. 2(1)(h)** (subject to art. 5))
- C3** S. 1(3) modified (1.4.1995) by S.I. 1995/911, **art. 3(a)**
- C4** Ss. 1(4), 2, 2(4), 3, 11-13, 15, 17, 18, 19 extended (1.10.1997) by 1997 c. 43, ss. 41, 56(1), Sch. 1 Pt. II paras. 10(2)(a)(5)(a)(6)(7), **11(2)(a)(4)(a)(6)**; S.I. 1997/2200, **art. 2(1)(g)** (subject to art. 5) (which amending provisions were amended (30.9.1998) by 1998 c. 37, s. 119, **Sch. 8 paras. 135(a)(i)(d)(6)(a)(i)(b)**; S.I. 1998/2327, **art. 2(1)(y)(2)(oo)** (subject to arts. 5-8))
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