



Armed Forces Act 1996

CHAPTER 46

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Part I — SUMMARY DISPOSAL OF OFFENCES

Army Act 1955 (c. 18)

- 1 The Army Act 1955 shall be amended as follows.
- 2 For section 76 there shall be substituted the following sections—...
- 3 Sections 77 to 80 shall cease to have effect.
- 4 (1) Section 82 (officers who are to act as commanding...
- 5 For section 83 there shall be substituted the following section—...

Air Force Act 1955 (c. 19)

- 6 The Air Force Act 1955 shall be amended as follows....
- 7 For section 76 there shall be substituted the following sections—...

- 8 Sections 77 to 80 shall cease to have effect.
9 (1) Section 82 (officers who are to act as commanding...
10 For section 83 there shall be substituted the following section—...

Naval Discipline Act 1957 (c. 53)

- 11 The Naval Discipline Act 1957 shall be amended as follows....
12 Sections 49, 50 and 52A shall cease to have effect....
13 After section 52A there shall be inserted the following sections—...
Part II — THE PROSECUTING AUTHORITY

Army Act 1955 (c. 18)

- 14 After section 83 of the Army Act 1955 there shall...

Air Force Act 1955 (c. 19)

- 15 After section 83 of the Air Force Act 1955 there...

Naval Discipline Act 1957 (c. 53)

- 16 After section 52G of the Naval Discipline Act 1957 there...
Part III — TRIAL OF OFFENCES BY COURT-MARTIAL

Army Act 1955 (c. 18)

- 17 The Army Act 1955 shall be amended as follows.
18 Section 84 shall cease to have effect.
19 After section 84 there shall be inserted the following sections—...
20 Section 85(3) shall cease to have effect.
21 Sections 86 to 90 shall cease to have effect.
22 (1) Section 91 (place for sitting of court-martial and adjournment...
23 (1) Section 92 (challenges by accused to members of court-martial)...
24 (1) Section 93 (administration of oaths) shall be amended as...
25 In section 94 (courts-martial to sit in open court), after...
26 (1) Section 95 (dissolution of courts-martial) shall be amended as...
27 (1) Section 96 (decisions of courts-martial) shall be amended as...
28 In section 97(3) (sentence of court-martial to be announced in...
29 (1) Section 99 (rules of evidence) shall be amended as...
30 For section 103 there shall be substituted the following section—...
31 After section 103 there shall be inserted the following sections—...
32 Sections 104 to 106 shall cease to have effect.

Air Force Act 1955 (c. 19)

- 33 The Air Force Act 1955 shall be amended as follows....
34 Section 84 shall cease to have effect.
35 After section 84 there shall be inserted the following sections—...
36 Section 85(3) shall cease to have effect.
37 Sections 86 to 90 shall cease to have effect.
38 (1) Section 91 (place for sitting of court-martial and adjournment...
39 (1) Section 92 (challenges by accused to members of court-martial)...
40 (1) Section 93 (administration of oaths) shall be amended as...
41 In section 94 (courts-martial to sit in open court), after...
42 (1) Section 95 (dissolution of courts-martial) shall be amended as...
43 (1) Section 96 (decisions of courts-martial) shall be amended as...

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- 44 In section 97(3) (sentence of court-martial to be announced in...
 45 (1) Section 99 (rules of evidence) shall be amended as...
 46 For section 103 there shall be substituted the following section—...
 47 After section 103 there shall be inserted the following sections—...
 48 Sections 104 to 106 shall cease to have effect.

Naval Discipline Act 1957 (c. 53)

- 49 The Naval Discipline Act 1957 shall be amended as follows....
 50 Section 53 shall cease to have effect.
 51 After section 53 there shall be inserted the following sections—...
 52 For section 54 there shall be substituted the following section—...
 53 Section 55 shall cease to have effect.
 54 (1) Section 56 (place and time of sittings of courts-martial)...
 55 After section 56 there shall be inserted the following section—...
 56 (1) Section 57 (quorum) shall be amended as follows.
 57 For section 58 there shall be substituted the following section—...
 58 (1) Section 59 (challenges by accused to members of court-martial)...
 59 (1) Section 60 (administration of oaths) shall be amended as...
 60 In section 61 (courts-martial to sit in open court), after...
 61 (1) Section 62 (findings and sentences of courts-martial) shall be...
 62 In section 64(1) (summoning of witnesses), for the words “clerk...
 63 After section 64 there shall be inserted the following sections—...

Part IV — MINOR AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

Courts-Martial (Appeals) Act 1951 (c. 46)

- 64 In section 28(2) of the Courts-Martial (Appeals) Act 1951
 (qualification...
 65 In section 31 of that Act (qualification for appointment as...

Army Act 1955 (c. 18)

- 66 The Army Act 1955 shall be amended as follows.
 67 In section 134 (persons not to be tried under Act...
 68 Section 139 shall cease to have effect.
 69 In section 143(1) (interpretation of Part II)—
 70 In section 198 (general provisions as to evidence), in subsection...
 71 In section 209(3) (modifications of Act in relation to trial...
 72 (1) Section 209(3B) (modifications of Act in its application to...
 73 In section 211 (application of Act to reserve forces), in...
 74 In section 225(1) (general provisions as to interpretation of Act)—...
 75 In Schedule 5A (powers of court on trial of civilian),...

Air Force Act 1955 (c. 19)

- 76 The Air Force Act 1955 shall be amended as follows....
 77 In section 134 (persons not to be tried under Act...
 78 Section 139 shall cease to have effect.
 79 In section 143(1) (interpretation of Part II)—
 80 In section 198 (general provisions as to evidence), in subsection...
 81 In section 209(3) (modifications of Act in relation to trial...
 82 (1) Section 209(3B) (modifications of Act in its application to...
 83 In section 210 (application of Act to reserve forces), in...
 84 In section 223(1) (general provisions as to interpretation of Act)—...

85 In Schedule 5A (powers of court on trial of civilian),...

Naval Discipline Act 1957 (c. 53)

86 The Naval Discipline Act 1957 shall be amended as follows....
87 In section 65(4) (contempt of court-martial by civilians), for the...
88 In section 66(1) (record of proceedings of court-martial) for the...
89 In section 76 (restitution or compensation on conviction of larceny...
90 In section 81 (place of imprisonment or detention)—
91 In section 85(2) (commencement of sentences) for the words “section...
92 In section 103(1) (arrest under warrants of naval authorities) for...
93 In section 129(1) (jurisdiction of civil courts) for the words...
94 In section 135(1) (general provisions as to interpretation of Act)—...
95 In Schedule 1 (application of Act to marine forces), in...
96 In Schedule 2 (application of Act to attached military and...
97 In Schedule 4 (application of Act to certain civilians), in...
98 In Schedule 4A (powers of court on trial of civilian),...

Criminal Justice Act 1967 (c. 80)

99 In section 12 of the Criminal Justice Act 1967 (application...

Civil Evidence Act 1968 (c. 64)

100 In section 11 of the Civil Evidence Act 1968 (convictions...

Civil Evidence Act (Northern Ireland) 1971 (c. 36 (N.I.))

101 In section 7 of the Civil Evidence Act (Northern Ireland)...

Armed Forces Act 1976 (c. 52)

102 In section 6 of the Armed Forces Act 1976 (establishment...
103 (1) Schedule 3 to that Act (Standing Civilian Courts) shall...

Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (c. 60)

104 The Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 shall be amended...
105 In section 67(12)(a), the definition of “court-martial” in section 82(1)...
106 In section 72(1) (meaning of certain expressions used in Part...
107 In section 82(1) (meaning of certain expressions used in Part...

Criminal Justice Act 1988 (c. 33)

108 In section 146 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 (evidence...
109 (1) Schedule 13 to that Act (evidence before courts-martial etc.)...

Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (S.I. 1989/1341 (N.I. 12))

110 In Article 66(11)(a) of the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern...

Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 (c. 33)

111 In section 39 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order...

SCHEDULE 2 — Findings of unfitness to stand trial and insanity

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The 1955 Acts

- 1 For section 116 of each of the 1955 Acts (provisions...
- 2 In section 225(1) of the Army Act 1955 (general provisions...
- 3 In section 223(1) of the Air Force Act 1955 (general...

The 1957 Act

- 4 For section 63 of the 1957 Act (special finding of...
- 5 In section 135(1) of the 1957 Act (general provisions as...

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

- 6 For section 16 of the Courts-Martial (Appeals) Act 1968 (“the...
- 7 In section 21(1) of the 1968 Act (appeal against finding...
- 8 In section 22(4) of the 1968 Act (consequences where appeal...
- 9 For section 23 of the 1968 Act there shall be...
- 10 (1) Section 24 of the 1968 Act (appeal against finding...
- 11 For section 25 of the 1968 Act there shall be...
- 12 (1) Section 57 of the 1968 Act (interpretation) shall be...

SCHEDULE 3 — Community supervision orders

The 1955 Acts

- 1 (1) Paragraph 4 of Schedule 5A to each of the...
- 2 In section 209 of each of the 1955 Acts (application...

The 1957 Act

- 3 (1) Paragraph 4 of Schedule 4A to the 1957 Act...
- 4 In the Fourth Schedule to the 1957 Act (application to...

SCHEDULE 4 — Schedule to be inserted in the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act
1974