



Police Act 1997

1997 CHAPTER 50

PART V

CERTIFICATES OF CRIMINAL RECORDS, &C.

126 Interpretation of Part V

(1) In this Part—

“caution” means a caution given to a person in England and Wales or Northern Ireland in respect of an offence which, at the time when the caution is given, he has admitted;

“certificate” means any one or more documents issued in response to a particular application;

“chief officer” means—

- (i) a chief officer of police of a police force in England and Wales,
- (ii) a chief constable of a police force in Scotland, and
- (iii) the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary;

“government department” includes a Northern Ireland department;

“Minister of the Crown” includes a Northern Ireland department;

“police authority” means—

- (i) a police authority for an area in Great Britain or a joint police board (within the meaning of the Police (Scotland) Act 1967), and
- (ii) the Police Authority for Northern Ireland;

“police force” means—

- (i) a police force in Great Britain, and
- (ii) the Royal Ulster Constabulary and the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve;

“prescribed” shall be construed in accordance with section 125(1).

(2) In the application of this Part to Northern Ireland, a reference to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974, or to a provision of that Act, shall be construed as a reference to

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the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 or, as the case may be, to the corresponding provision of that order.