



Courts Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 39

PART 7

PROCEDURE RULES AND PRACTICE DIRECTIONS

Criminal Procedure Rules and practice directions

69 Criminal Procedure Rules

- (1) There are to be rules of court (to be called “Criminal Procedure Rules”) governing the practice and procedure to be followed in the criminal courts.
- (2) Criminal Procedure Rules are to be made by a committee known as the Criminal Procedure Rule Committee.
- (3) The power to make Criminal Procedure Rules includes power to make different provision for different cases or different areas, including different provision—
 - (a) for a specified court or description of courts, or
 - (b) for specified descriptions of proceedings or a specified jurisdiction.
- (4) Any power to make ^{F1} . . . Criminal Procedure Rules is to be exercised with a view to securing that—
 - (a) the criminal justice system is accessible, fair and efficient, and
 - (b) the rules are both simple and simply expressed.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 69(4) repealed (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 15, 146, Sch. 4 para. 332(2), [Sch. 18 Pt. 2](#); [S.I. 2006/1014](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#), Sch. 1 para. 11(aa), 30(b)

Commencement Information

- II** S. 69 wholly in force at 1.9.2004, see s. 110(1)(2) and [S.I. 2004/2066](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#) (subject to [art. 3](#))

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Changes to legislation:

Courts Act 2003, Section 69 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 27 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.