



Sexual Offences Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 42

PART 2

NOTIFICATION AND ORDERS

Notification requirements

87 Method of notification and related matters **E+W**

- (1) A person gives a notification under section 83(1), 84(1) or 85(1) by—
- [^{F1}(a) attending at the police station in the person's local police area that is for the time being specified in a document published for that local police area under this section or, if there is more than one such police station, at any one of them, and]
 - (b) giving an oral notification to any police officer, or to any person authorised for the purpose by the officer in charge of the station.

- (2) A person giving a notification under section 84(1)—
- (a) in relation to a prospective change of home address, or
 - (b) in relation to premises referred to in subsection (1)(c) of that section,
- may give the notification at a police station that would fall within subsection (1) above if the change in home address had already occurred or (as the case may be) if the address of those premises were his home address.

[^{F2}(2A) The chief officer of police for each police area must publish, in such manner as the chief officer thinks fit, a document containing the name and address of each police station in that area at which a person may give a notification under section 83(1), 84(1) or 85(1).

(2B) A chief officer of police must keep under review a document published by the chief officer under this section and may from time to time publish a revised version of the document in such manner as the chief officer thinks fit.]

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- (3) Any notification under this section must be acknowledged; and an acknowledgment under this subsection must be in writing, and in such form as the Secretary of State may direct.
- (4) Where a notification is given under section 83(1), 84(1) or 85(1), the relevant offender must, if requested to do so by the police officer or person referred to in subsection (1) (b), allow the officer or person to—
 - (a) take his fingerprints,
 - (b) photograph any part of him, or
 - (c) do both these things.
- (5) The power in subsection (4) is exercisable for the purpose of verifying the identity of the relevant offender.

^{F3}(6)

Extent Information

E1 This version of this provision extends to England and Wales only; a separate version has been created for Scotland and Northern Ireland only

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 87(1)(a) substituted (E.W.) (29.11.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 168\(2\)](#), 208(1); [S.I. 2022/1227](#), [reg. 3\(a\)](#)

F2 S. 87(2A)(2B) inserted (E.W.) (29.11.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 168\(3\)](#), 208(1); [S.I. 2022/1227](#), [reg. 3\(a\)](#)

F3 S. 87(6) repealed (E.W.N.I.) (14.7.2008) by [Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 \(c. 4\)](#), [ss. 73](#), 149, 153(7), [Sch. 28 Pt. 4](#); [S.I. 2008/1586](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch. 1 para. 50\(4\)\(d\)](#) (subject to [Sch. 2](#))

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- (1) A person gives a notification under section 83(1), 84(1) or 85(1) by—
 - (a) attending at such police station ^{F4}... as the Secretary of State may by regulations prescribe or, if there is more than one, at any of them, and
 - (b) giving an oral notification to any police officer, or to any person authorised for the purpose by the officer in charge of the station.
- (2) A person giving a notification under section 84(1)—
 - (a) in relation to a prospective change of home address, or
 - (b) in relation to premises referred to in subsection (1)(c) of that section,
 may give the notification at a police station that would fall within subsection (1) above if the change in home address had already occurred or (as the case may be) if the address of those premises were his home address.
- (3) Any notification under this section must be acknowledged; and an acknowledgment under this subsection must be in writing, and in such form as the Secretary of State may direct.

^{F5}(5A) Where a notification is given in Scotland under section 83(1), 84(1) or 85(1), the relevant offender must, if requested to do so by the police officer or person referred to in subsection (1)(b), do one or more of the following—

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- (a) allow the officer or person to photograph any part of the offender,
- (b) allow the officer or person to take from the offender, or provide to the officer or person, such relevant physical data as the officer or person considers appropriate,
- (c) allow the officer or person to take from the offender any sample mentioned in any of paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (6) of section 18 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 by the means specified in that paragraph in relation to that sample,
- (d) allow the officer or person to take from the offender any sample mentioned in subsection (6A) of that section by the means specified in that subsection.]

[^{F6}(5B) Where a notification is given in Scotland under section 83(1), 84(1) or 85(1), the relevant offender must, if requested to do so by the police officer or person referred to in subsection (1)(b), produce each passport he has to that officer or person, for inspection by that officer or person.

(5C) In subsection (5B), “passport” has the same meaning as in section 83.]

^{F7}(6)

Extent Information

E2 This version of this provision extends to Scotland only; a separate version has been created for England, Wales and Northern Ireland only

Textual Amendments

F4 Words in s. 87(1)(a) omitted (S.) (1.4.2013) by virtue of [The Police and Fire Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(Consequential Modifications and Savings\) Order 2013 \(S.S.I. 2013/119\)](#), art. 1, [sch. 1 para. 20\(2\)](#)

F5 S. 87(5A) substituted for s. 87(4)(5) (S.) (1.9.2006) by [Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 10\)](#), {ss. 77(7)}, 104; S.S.I. 2006/432, [art. 2\(d\)](#)

F6 S. 87(5B)(5C) inserted (S.) (1.9.2006) by [Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 10\)](#), {ss. 78(7)}, 104; S.S.I. 2006/432, [art. 2\(d\)](#)

F7 S. 87(6) repealed (S.) (28.3.2011) by [Criminal Justice and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(asp 13\)](#), [ss. 102\(4\)](#), 206(1); S.I. 2011/178, art. 2, [Sch.](#)

87 Method of notification and related matters **N.I.**

(1) A person gives a notification under section 83(1), 84(1) [^{F8}, 85(1) or 85A(2) or (6)] by—

- (a) attending at such police station in his local police area as the Secretary of State may by regulations prescribe or, if there is more than one, at any of them, and
- (b) giving an oral notification to any police officer, or to any person authorised for the purpose by the officer in charge of the station.

(2) A person giving a notification under section 84(1)—

- (a) in relation to a prospective change of home address, or
- (b) in relation to premises referred to in subsection (1)(c) of that section,

may give the notification at a police station that would fall within subsection (1) above if the change in home address had already occurred or (as the case may be) if the address of those premises were his home address.

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- (3) Any notification under this section must be acknowledged; and an acknowledgment under this subsection must be in writing, and in such form as the Secretary of State may direct.
- (4) Where a notification is given under section 83(1), 84(1) [^{F9}, 85(1) or 85A(2) or (6)], the relevant offender must, if requested to do so by the police officer or person referred to in subsection (1)(b), allow the officer or person to—
 - (a) take his fingerprints,
 - (b) photograph any part of him, or
 - (c) do both these things.
- (5) The power in subsection (4) is exercisable for the purpose of verifying the identity of the relevant offender.

^{F10}(6)

Extent Information	
E3	This version of this provision extends to Northern Ireland only; a separate version has been created for England and Wales and Scotland only
Textual Amendments	
F8	Words in s. 87(1) substituted (N.I.) (24.6.2014) by Criminal Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2013 (c. 7), ss. 2(3), 15(2)(b); S.R. 2014/179, art. 2(a)
F9	Words in s. 87(4) substituted (N.I.) (24.6.2014) by Criminal Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2013 (c. 7), ss. 2(3), 15(2)(b); S.R. 2014/179, art. 2(a)
F10	S. 87(6) repealed (E.W.N.I.) (14.7.2008) by Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 (c. 4), ss. 73, 149, 153(7), Sch. 28 Pt. 4; S.I. 2008/1586, art. 2, Sch. 1 para. 50(4)(d) (subject to Sch. 2)

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

- s. 60B(5)(i) substituted for s. 60B(5)(i)(ii) by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) Sch. 1 para. 123\(1\)Sch. 9 Pt. 1](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 60B already repealed (N.I.) (14.1.2015) by [2015 c. 2 \(N.I.\)](#), s. 28(2), Sch. 5; and omitted (E.W.) (31.7.2015) by virtue of [2015 c. 30](#), Sch. 5 para. 5(2); S.I. 2015/1476, reg. 2(j))
- s. 103C(4B) inserted by [2022 c. 32 s. 178\(7\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 103E(5C)(5D) inserted by [2022 c. 32 s. 178\(8\)](#)
- s. 103F(3B) inserted by [2022 c. 32 s. 178\(9\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 103FA103FB inserted by [2022 c. 32 s. 178\(10\)](#)
- s. 108(9) inserted by [2011 c. 18 s. 17\(2\)](#)
- s. 122A(8A) inserted by [2022 c. 32 s. 178\(11\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 122A(9B) inserted by [2022 c. 32 s. 178\(11\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 122D(4C)(4D) inserted by [2022 c. 32 s. 178\(12\)](#)
- s. 122E(3B) inserted by [2022 c. 32 s. 178\(13\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 122EA122EB inserted by [2022 c. 32 s. 178\(14\)](#)
- s. 136ZA(3) inserted by [2022 c. 32 s. 178\(15\)](#)