



# Criminal Justice Act 2003

## 2003 CHAPTER 44

### PART 3

#### CONDITIONAL CAUTIONS

##### [<sup>F1</sup>23A Financial penalties

- (1) A condition that the offender pay a financial penalty (a “financial penalty condition”) may not be attached to a conditional caution given in respect of an offence unless the offence is one that is prescribed, or of a description prescribed, in an order made by the Secretary of State.
  - (2) An order under subsection (1) must prescribe, in respect of each offence or description of offence in the order, the maximum amount of the penalty that may be specified under subsection (5)(a).
  - (3) The amount that may be prescribed in respect of any offence [<sup>F2</sup>(other than one to which subsection (4A) applies)] must not exceed—
    - (a) one quarter of the amount of the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction of the offence, or
    - (b) £250,whichever is the lower.
  - (4) The Secretary of State may by order amend subsection (3) by—
    - (a) substituting a different fraction in paragraph (a);
    - (b) substituting a different figure in paragraph (b).
- [ In the case of an offence for which a person is liable on summary conviction to a fine of <sup>F3</sup>(4A) an unlimited amount, the amount that may be prescribed must not exceed the amount for the time being specified in subsection (3)(b).]
- (5) Where a financial penalty condition is attached to a conditional caution, [<sup>F4</sup>the condition must] specify—
    - (a) the amount of the penalty,

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[<sup>F5</sup>(b) the person to whom the financial penalty is to be paid and how it may be paid.]

(6) To comply with the condition, the offender must pay the penalty [<sup>F6</sup>in accordance with the provision specified under subsection (5)(b)].

[ Where a financial penalty is (in accordance with the provision specified under <sup>F7</sup>(6A) subsection (5)(b)) paid to a person other than a designated officer for a local justice area, the person to whom it is paid must give the payment to such an officer.]

(7) <sup>F8</sup> .....

(8) <sup>F8</sup> .....

(9) <sup>F8</sup> .....]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 23A inserted (8.7.2009 for specified purposes, 16.11.2009 for specified purposes, 8.4.2013 in so far as not already in force) by [Police and Justice Act 2006 \(c. 48\)](#), **ss. 17(4)**, 53(1); S.I. 2009/1679, art. 2(1)(4); S.I. 2009/2774, art. 2(1)(3); S.I. 2013/592, art. 2(1)
- F2** Words in s. 23A(3) inserted (12.3.2015) by [The Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 \(Fines on Summary Conviction\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/664\)](#), reg. 1(1), **Sch. 5 para. 10(2)** (with reg. 5(1))
- F3** S. 23A(4A) inserted (12.3.2015) by [The Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 \(Fines on Summary Conviction\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/664\)](#), reg. 1(1), **Sch. 5 para. 10(3)** (with reg. 5(1))
- F4** Words in s. 23A(5) substituted (8.4.2013) by [Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 \(c. 10\)](#), **ss. 133(4)**, 151(1); S.I. 2013/453, art. 4(c)
- F5** S. 23A(5)(b) substituted for s. 23A(5)(b)(c) (8.7.2009 for specified purposes, 8.4.2013 in so far as not already in force) by [Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 \(c. 4\)](#), s. 153(7), **Sch. 26 para. 60(2)**; S.I. 2009/1678, art. 3(b)(ii); S.I. 2013/616, art. 2(c)(ii)
- F6** Words in s. 23A(6) substituted (8.7.2009 for specified purposes, 8.4.2013 in so far as not already in force) by [Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 \(c. 4\)](#), s. 153(7), **Sch. 26 para. 60(3)**; S.I. 2009/1678, art. 3(b)(ii); S.I. 2013/616, art. 2(c)(ii)
- F7** S. 23A(6A) inserted (8.7.2009 for specified purposes, 8.4.2013 in so far as not already in force) by [Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 \(c. 4\)](#), s. 153(7), **Sch. 26 para. 60(4)**; S.I. 2009/1678, art. 3(b)(ii); S.I. 2013/616, art. 2(c)(ii)
- F8** S. 23A(7)-(9) repealed (8.7.2009) by [Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 148, 149, 153, **Sch. 26 para. 60(5)**, **Sch. 28 Pt. 4**; S.I. 2009/1678, **art. 3(c)**

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2012/2574, Sch. by [S.I. 2012/2761 art. 2](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

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

- s. 256AZBA-256AZBC and cross-heading inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 62\(1\)](#)
- s. 256AZBC(1) power to amend or apply conferred by 2012 c.10, s. 128(3A) (as inserted) by [2024 c. 21 s. 60\(3\)](#)
- s. 150(aa) inserted by [2012 c. 10 Sch. 26 para. 19\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 26 para. 19 omitted (11.12.2013) by virtue of 2013 c. 22, Sch. 16 para. 23(2); S.I. 2013/2981, art. 2(d))
- s. 150(ba) inserted by [2012 c. 10 Sch. 26 para. 19\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 26 para. 19 omitted (11.12.2013) by virtue of 2013 c. 22, Sch. 16 para. 23(2); S.I. 2013/2981, art. 2(d))
- s. 151(A1) inserted by [2008 c. 4 s. 11\(3\)](#)
- s. 151(1A) inserted by [2008 c. 4 s. 11\(5\)](#)
- s. 151(1A)(b) word substituted by [2008 c. 4 Sch. 4 para. 76\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 151(1A) is still only prospectively inserted by 2008 c. 4, s. 11(5))
- s. 151(1A)(c) substituted by [2009 c. 25 Sch. 17 para. 8\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 151(1A) is still only prospectively inserted by 2008 c. 4, s. 11(5))
- s. 151(2A)(b) substituted by [2009 c. 25 Sch. 17 para. 8\(4\)](#)
- s. 151(4A) inserted by [2009 c. 25 Sch. 17 para. 8\(5\)](#)
- s. 151(8)(a) words substituted by [2009 c. 25 Sch. 17 para. 8\(6\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 151(8)(b) words inserted by [2009 c. 25 Sch. 17 para. 8\(6\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 151(8)(b) words substituted by [2009 c. 25 Sch. 17 para. 8\(6\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 151(8)(c)-(f) inserted by [2009 c. 25 Sch. 17 para. 8\(6\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 165(5) inserted by [2014 c. 12 s. 179\(3\)](#)
- s. 237(1A) inserted by [2006 c. 48 s. 34\(3\)](#)
- s. 237(1B)(f)(g) inserted by [2021 c. 11 Sch. 13 para. 40\(b\)](#)
- s. 237A237B inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 59\(2\)](#)
- s. 237A power to amend conferred by 2012 c.10, s. 128(3)(aaza) (as inserted) by [2024 c. 21 s. 60\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 239A inserted by [2015 c. 2 s. 8\(1\)](#)
- s. 239A cross-heading inserted by [2015 c. 2 Sch. 3 para. 5](#)
- s. 250(5C) inserted by [2015 c. 2 Sch. 3 para. 7\(4\)](#)
- s. 250(5D) inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 64\(3\)](#)
- s. 255A(4A) inserted by [2015 c. 2 s. 9\(2\)](#)
- s. 255B(3A) inserted by [2015 c. 2 s. 9\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 255B(3A) inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 59\(5\)](#)
- s. 255B(4A)-(4C) inserted by [2015 c. 2 s. 9\(3\)\(d\)](#)
- s. 255C(3A) inserted by [2015 c. 2 s. 9\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 255C(3A) inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 59\(6\)](#)
- s. 255C(4A)-(4C) inserted by [2015 c. 2 s. 9\(4\)\(d\)](#)
- s. 256A(1)-(1B) substituted for s. 256A(1) by [2015 c. 2 s. 9\(6\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 256A(4A)(4B) inserted by [2015 c. 2 s. 9\(6\)\(f\)](#)

- s. 256A(5)(6) substituted for s. 256A(5) by [2015 c. 2 s. 9\(6\)\(g\)](#)
- s. 256AZA inserted by [2015 c. 2 s. 10\(1\)](#)
- s. 256AZB(3) inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 59\(7\)](#)
- s. 257(3) inserted by [2006 c. 48 s. 34\(4\)](#)
- s. 258(1A) inserted by [2006 c. 48 s. 34\(5\)](#)
- s. 260(4)(aa) substituted for word by [2008 c. 4 s. 34\(7\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 34(2)(4)(b)(7)(10) omitted (3.12.2012) by virtue of 2012 c. 10, s. 118(4)(b); S.I. 2012/2906, art. 2(d))
- s. 268A inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 70](#)
- s. 327(4A)(ca) inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 65](#)
- Sch. 15B para. 49A omitted by [S.I. 2019/780 reg. 26\(4\)\(c\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Regs. 21, 25, 26, 27, 30 revoked (1.12.2020) by 2020 c. 17, Sch. 28; S.I. 2020/1236, reg. 2)
- Sch. 15B para. 49B omitted by [S.I. 2019/780 reg. 26\(4\)\(d\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Regs. 21, 25, 26, 27, 30 revoked (1.12.2020) by 2020 c. 17, Sch. 28; S.I. 2020/1236, reg. 2)
- Sch. 18B inserted by [2024 c. 21 Sch. 2](#)
- Sch. 19 para. 2(2)(e) and word inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 74\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 19 para. 2(2A) inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 74\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 20B para. 34(6)(7) substituted for Sch. 20B para. 34(6) by [2015 c. 2 Sch. 3 para. 10](#)