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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1998 No. 3132**

**The Civil Procedure Rules 1998**

**[<sup>F1</sup>PART 81**

**APPLICATIONS AND PROCEEDINGS IN  
RELATION TO CONTEMPT OF COURT**

**[<sup>F1</sup>Powers of the court in contempt proceedings**

**81.9.**—(1) If the court finds the defendant in contempt of court, the court may impose a period of imprisonment (an order of committal), a fine, confiscation of assets or other punishment permitted under the law.

(2) Execution of an order of committal requires issue of a warrant of committal. An order of committal and a warrant of committal have immediate effect unless and to the extent that the court decides to suspend execution of the order or warrant.

(3) An order or warrant of committal must be personally served on the defendant unless the court directs otherwise.

(4) To the extent that the substantive law permits, a court may attach a power of arrest to a committal order.

(5) An order or warrant of committal may not be enforced more than two years after the date it was made unless the court directs otherwise.]

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**Textual Amendments**

**F1** Pt. 81 substituted (1.10.2020) by [The Civil Procedure \(Amendment No. 3\) Rules 2020 \(S.I. 2020/747\)](#), rule 1(1), [Sch.](#)

**Status:**

Point in time view as at 01/10/2020.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Civil Procedure Rules 1998, Section 81.9.