

*These notes refer to the Criminal Justice Act (Northern Ireland)  
2013 (c.7) which received Royal Assent on 25 April 2013*

# Criminal Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2013

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### *Schedules*

*Schedule 2: Articles 63B to 63R of the Police and Criminal Evidence  
(Northern Ireland) Order 1989, as inserted*

#### **Article 63F – Retention of material: persons convicted of a recordable offence**

This Article provides that a person's fingerprints or DNA profile may be retained indefinitely if convicted of a recordable offence (Article 63F(2)) except where a person under the age of 18 years at the time of the offence is convicted of a non-qualifying offence and has no previous convictions. In such a case the retention periods in new Article 63H will apply (Article 63F(3)).