

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1980 No. 397

County Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1980

PART III

ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

General Jurisdiction

General civil jurisdiction

10.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Part, a county court shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine any action in which the amount claimed, or the value of specific chattels claimed, does not exceed [^{F1}£30,000], including (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions of this paragraph) any action in which a balance not exceeding [^{F1}£30,000] is claimed—

- (a) on foot of an account (including a partnership account);
- (b) after allowances made for any amount admitted by the plaintiff to be due by him to the defendant (whether by way of set-off or on foot of a counterclaim or otherwise); or
- (c) after the abandonment by the plaintiff of any sum by which the amount alleged to be due to him by the defendant exceeds [^{F1}£30,000], so, however, that a decree in respect of any cause of action to which this sub-paragraph applies shall be, and be expressed to be, in full discharge of all demands in respect of that cause of action.

(2) A county court shall not have jurisdiction to hear any action claiming damages exceeding [^{F2}£3,000] in respect of libel or slander.

^{F3}(3)

^{F3}(3A)

(4) A county court shall not have jurisdiction to hear any Admiralty cause or matter.

(5) A county court shall not have jurisdiction to hear any action in which the title to any toll, fair, market or franchise is in question.

(6) A claim for the recovery of any rent or other sum not exceeding [^{F2} £15,000] due in respect of the use and occupation of any land may be joined with, and heard and determined together with, a claim under this Part for the recovery of that land.

F1 Word in art. 10(1) substituted (25.2.2013) by [The County Courts \(Financial Limits\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2013 \(S.R. 2013/18\)](#), arts. 1, **2(a)** (with art. 5)

F2 SR 1993/282

F3 [Art. 10\(3\)\(3A\)](#) repealed (31.10.2016) by [Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(c. 9\)](#), s. 106(2), Sch. 1 para. 80(6), **Sch. 9 Pt. 1** (with Sch. 8 para. 1); S.R. 2016/387, art. 2(k)(m) (with art. 3)

Changes to legislation:

County Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1980, Cross Heading: General Jurisdiction is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 05 August 2023. 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.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- Instrument am (prosp) by [S.I. 1994/2795 \(N.I.\) art.3\(5\)Sch.1](#)