
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 3160

The Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1996

^{F1}PART II

TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS

Miscellaneous

Reduction in sentences for guilty pleas

33.—(1) In determining what sentence to pass on an offender who has pleaded guilty to an offence a court shall take into account—

- (a) the stage in the proceedings for the offence at which the offender indicated his intention to plead guilty, and
- (b) the circumstances in which this indication was given.

(2) If, as a result of taking into account any matter referred to in paragraph (1), the court imposes a punishment on the offender which is less severe than the punishment it would otherwise have imposed, it shall state in open court that it has done so.

Changes to legislation:

The Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, Section 33 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 17 April 2024. 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 rev. in pt. by [1998 c. 40 s.9\(1\)\(2\)](#)[Sch.1 Pt.II para.10](#)[Sch.2 Pt.II](#)

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

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

- Sch. 2 para. 9(1)(a)(i) words repealed by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) Sch. 1 para. 112\(5\)\(e\)](#)[Sch. 9 Pt. 1](#)
- art. 44A(4) words substituted by [S.I. 2008/1216 \(N.I.\) Sch. 5 para. 7\(9\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). It is thought that the correct affected document should be S.I. 1998/1504 (N.I. 9), art. 44A(4). The correction will be made as soon as we get the approved amended document from the relevant office)
- art. 53(1) art. 53 renumbered as art. 53(1) by [2019 c. 17 s. 44\(6\)](#)
- art. 53(1)(a) substituted by [2019 c. 17 s. 43\(2\)](#)
- art. 53(2)-(9) inserted by [2019 c. 17 s. 44\(7\)](#)
- art. 54A inserted by [2019 c. 17 s. 37\(3\)](#)