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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 8

AMENDMENTS OF OTHER ACTS

PART I

GENERAL

General rules of construction

- 2 (1) In any enactment or other instrument for any reference or expression in the first column of the Table below there shall be substituted the relevant reference or expression in the second column of the Table.
- (2) Sub-paragraph (1) above applies to Acts or instruments passed or made before the appointed date or later.
- (3) The preceding provisions of this paragraph apply subject to the provisions of this Act, and only except where the context otherwise requires, and in particular do not apply in relation to a sentence imposed, or other thing done, by a court before the appointed day.

TABLE

	<i>Reference</i>	<i>Substituted reference</i>
1	Court of gaol delivery or of oyer and terminer.	The Crown Court.
2	Court of assize, or assizes, where the context does not relate to civil jurisdiction.	The Crown Court.
3	Court of assize, or assizes, where the context relates either to criminal or civil jurisdiction, or relates exclusively to civil jurisdiction.	The Crown Court or the High Court, or as the case may be the High Court and not the Crown Court.
4	Court of quarter sessions, or committee of a court of quarter sessions, except in relation to functions transferred to some authority other than the Crown Court.	The Crown Court.

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This paragraph applies to references to courts of quarter sessions, however expressed, and applies in particular to any reference to “the next court of quarter sessions”, or to the quarter sessions for any particular area, or to any sessions which, by section 13(14), of the ^{M1}Interpretation Act 1889, were included in the expression “court of quarter sessions”.

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| 5 | Judge or commissioner of assize, or judge acting during assizes. | The Crown Court or the High Court, or both, according as the reference is to criminal jurisdiction, or civil jurisdiction, or to both. |
| 6 | Chairman or deputy chairman of quarter sessions. | The Crown Court. |
| 7 | Recorder, or deputy, assistant or temporary recorder, of a borough (but not the Recorder of London). | <p>(a) Where the context implies a reference to jurisdiction of the Crown Court, the Crown Court.</p> <p>(b) Where the context implies a reference to any judicial function not related to a court of quarter sessions (or the Crown Court) such Circuit judge or Recorder as the [^{F1}Lord Chief Justice]^{F1} may nominate for the purpose.</p> <p>(c) In any other case, such local authority, member of a local authority or officer of a local authority as the [^{F1}Lord Chief Justice]^{F1} may nominate.</p> |
| 8 | County court judge. | A judge assigned to a county court district, or acting as a judge so assigned. |
| 9 | The judge or chairman of the court where the court is the Crown Court and comprises justices of the peace and the reference was applicable before the appointed day to county quarter sessions and meant the chairman | The judge presiding in the Crown Court proceedings. |

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	or acting chairman of the bench.	
10	Clerk of assize or other officer whose duties related exclusively to the criminal jurisdiction of courts of assize.	The appropriate officer of the Crown Court.
11	Clerk of the peace or deputy clerk of the peace, except in relation to functions transferred to local authorities or officers of local authorities.	The appropriate officer of the Crown Court.
12	Clerk of the court where the court is the Crown Court.	The appropriate officer of the Crown Court.
13	A borough having a separate court of quarter sessions.	A borough which, immediately before the appointed day, had a separate court of quarter sessions.
14	Any period limited by reference to the next sitting, or the beginning or end of the next sitting, of a court of quarter sessions.	30 days or such other period as the [F1 Lord Chief Justice] may direct.
15	Any right to apply to a court of quarter sessions limited to a specified sitting of the court next after, or in the calendar year of, a 21st or other anniversary of an enclosure award or other event.	A right to apply to the Crown Court within twelve months from the anniversary. The Crown Court may modify or supersede any associated time limit for the giving of notice of the application, or for the confirmation of any decision on the application.
16	Any reference to local funds in the context of a reference to the M2 Costs in Criminal Cases Act 1952.	Central funds, that is to say money provided by Parliament.

Nothing in the Table above shall be taken as affecting any enactment which, as respects any judicial or other office abolished by this Act, provides for—

- (a) the appointment, retirement, or removal of the officer, or
- (b) the tenure of office and oaths to be taken by any such officer, or
- (c) the remuneration, allowances or pensions of any such officer;

and nothing in the Table above shall apply to any reference to records of any court.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in Sch. 8 para. 2 Table substituted (3.4.2006) by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), ss. 15, 148, Sch. 4 para. 72; S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2(a), Sch. 1 para. 11(e)

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Marginal Citations

M1 1889 c. 63.

M2 1952 c. 48.

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