



Juries Act 1974

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- 1A A person for the time being resident in a hospital...
- 2 A person for the time being under guardianship under section...
- 3 A person who lacks capacity, within the meaning of the...
- 4 Persons Disqualified for Jury Service

Part 2 — OTHER PERSONS DISQUALIFIED FOR JURY SERVICE

- 5 A person who is on bail in criminal proceedings (within...
- 6 A person who has at any time been sentenced in...
- 6A A person who at any time in the last ten...
- 7 A person who at any time in the last ten...
- 8 For the purposes of this Part of this Schedule—

SCHEDULE 2 —

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SCHEDULE 3 — Repeals

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 9B(3) substituted by [2003 c. 39 Sch. 4 para. 3](#)
- s. 9B(3)(c) word repealed by [2011 c. 18 Sch. 2 para. 9\(a\)Sch. 5](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. This amendment does not apply until 2003 c. 39, Sch. 4 para. 3 comes into force.)
- s. 10 words repealed by [2003 c. 39 Sch. 4 para. 4Sch. 10](#)
- s. 22(1) repealed by [2009 c. 25 Sch. 23 Pt. 1](#)

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

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

- s. 9B(3)(e)(4) and word inserted by [2011 c. 18 Sch. 2 para. 9\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. This amendment does not apply until 2003 c. 39, Sch. 4 para. 3 comes into force.)