



# Armed Forces Act 1976

## CHAPTER 52

### ARMED FORCES ACT 1976

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*Criminal Evidence Act 1898*

- 1 In section 6(1) of the Criminal Evidence Act 1898 after...
- 2 .....

*Army Act 1955 and Air Force Act 1955*

- 3 In section 86 of the Army Act 1955 and section...
- 4 The following section shall be inserted after section 198 of...
- 5 The following paragraphs shall be substituted for paragraph (a) of...
- 6 The following subsection shall be inserted after subsection (3) of...
- 7 The following subsections shall be substituted for subsection (4) of...
- 8 Section 215 of the Army Act 1955 and section 213...
- 9 Army Act 1955 and Air Force Act 1955

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*Naval Discipline Act 1957*

- 10 The following subsection shall be inserted after section 118(3A) of...
- 11 The following section shall be inserted after section 129D of...
- 12 . . . . .
- 13 In Schedule 3 to that Act (classes of civilians subject...
- 14 In Schedule 4 to that Act (application of Act to...

*Criminal Justice Act 1967*

- 15 In section 89(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 1967 (false...

*Courts-Martial (Appeals) Act 1968*

- 16 The following subsection shall be inserted after section 8(1) of...
- 17 The following section shall be inserted after section 17 of...

*Treatment of Offenders Act (Northern Ireland) 1968*

- 18 In section 33(4)(b) of the Treatment of Offenders Act (Northern...
- 19 . . . . .

*Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974*

- 20 (1) In subsection (1) of section 2 of the Rehabilitation...
- 21 (1) The following entries shall be made in Table B...

*Treatment of Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1976*

- 22 In Article 2(2) of the Treatment of Offenders Ireland) Order...

SCHEDULE 10 — Repeals

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 8(1)(a) words substituted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 32 para. 19\(2\)](#)
- s. 8(2) words substituted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 32 para. 19\(3\)](#)