

# Criminal Appeal (Northern Ireland) Act 1980

**1980 CHAPTER 47** 

## PART III

MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

#### Supplementary

#### 47 Rules of court

- (1) The officers of the Crown Court, the governor and other officers of any prison, any other officer having the custody of an appellant and all other persons shall comply with any rules of court so far as affecting those officers or persons; and compliance with such rules may be enforced by order of the Court of Appeal.
- (2) No rule of court affecting the governor or any other officer of a prison or any officer having the custody of an appellant shall be made except after consultation with the Secretary of State.

#### 48 Appeal in capital cases

Schedule 3 to this Act shall have effect so as to modify and supplement certain provisions in Parts I and II of this Act in relation to cases involving sentence of death.

#### 49 Saving for prerogative of mercy

Nothing in this Act is to be taken as affecting the prerogative of mercy.

### 50 Interpretation

- (1) In this Act—
  - " the Court " means the Court of Appeal;

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

"the Master " means the Master (Queen's Bench and Appeals);

"Northern Ireland legislation " has the meaning assigned to that expression by section 24(5) of the Interpretation Act 1978 ;

" prescribed " means prescribed by rules of court;

- " rules of court " means rules made or having effect as if made under section 55 of the Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978.
- (2) Any reference in this Act to a provision contained in Northern Ireland legislation shall be construed as including a reference to a provision corresponding thereto and for the time being in force in Northern Ireland.

## 51 Consequential amendments, repeals and transitional provisions

- (1) The enactments specified in Schedule 4 to this Act shall be amended as shown in that Schedule.
- (2) The enactments specified in the first and second columns of Schedule 5 to this Act are hereby repealed to the extent specified in the third column of that Schedule.
- (3) Any right of appeal subsisting immediately before the commencement of this Act by virtue of an enactment repealed thereby shall after that commencement be treated as subsisting by virtue of the corresponding provision of this Act.
- (4) Any appeal or application pending before the said commencement under an enactment so repealed may be prosecuted and disposed of in accordance with the provisions of this Act corresponding to those in force immediately before the said commencement and applicable to the appeal or application.

#### 52 Short title and commencement

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Criminal Appeal (Northern Ireland) Act 1980.
- (2) This Act shall come into operation on the expiry of the period of one month beginning with the date on which it is passed.