



# Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984

## 1984 CHAPTER 60

### PART VII

#### DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

##### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Pt. VII modified (2.10.2000) by S.I. 2000/2370, rule 27(2), **Sch. 3 Pt. III para. 18(a)**
- Pt. VII modified (2.10.2000) by S.I. 2000/2371, rule 27(2), **Sch. 3 Pt. III para. 18(a)**
- Pt. VII modified (2.10.2000) by S.I. 2000/2372, rule 27(2), **Sch. 3 Pt. III para. 18(a)**

**68** ..... <sup>F1</sup>

##### Textual Amendments

- F1 S. 68 repealed by **Criminal Justice Act 1988** (c. 33, SIF 39:1), s. 170(2), **Sch. 16**

<sup>F2</sup>**69** .....

##### Textual Amendments

- F2 S. 69 repealed (14.4.2000) by **1999 c. 23**, ss. 60, 67(3), **Sch. 6**; S.I. 2000/1034, art. 2(c), **Sch.**

<sup>F3</sup>**70** .....

*Status: Point in time view as at 18/06/2012.*

*Changes to legislation: Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, Part VII is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 11 May 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. (See end of Document for details)*

#### Textual Amendments

**F3** S. 70 repealed (14.4.2000) by 1999 c. 23, s. 67(3), **Sch. 6**; S.I. 2000/1034, art. 2(c), **Sch.**

## 71 Microfilm copies.

In any proceedings the contents of a document may (whether or not the document is still in existence) be proved by the production of an enlargement of a microfilm copy of that document or of the material part of it, authenticated in such manner as the court may approve.

[<sup>F4F5</sup>... concerned are proceedings before a magistrates' court inquiring into an offence as examining justices this section shall have effect with the omission of the words "authenticated in such manner as the court may approve."]

#### Extent Information

**E1** S. 71 extends to England and Wales only with exceptions as regards courts martial, see s. 120(1)(6)-(8)

#### Textual Amendments

**F4** Words at the end of s. 71 inserted (4.7.1996 with effect as mentioned in Sch. 1 Pt. III para. 39 and S.I. 1997/683, art. 1(2)) by 1996 c. 25, s. 47, **Sch. 1 Pt. II para.24** (with s. 78(1))

**F5** Words in s. 71 repealed (18.6.2012 for specified purposes) by **Criminal Justice Act 2003 (c. 44)**, s. 336(3)(4), **Sch. 3 para. 56(3)**, **Sch. 37 Pt. 4**; S.I. 2012/1320, art. 4(1)(c)(d)(2)(3) (with art. 5) (see S.I. 2012/2574, art. 4(2) and S.I. 2013/1103, art. 4)

## 72 Part VII—supplementary.

(1) In this Part of this Act—

[<sup>F6</sup>"copy", in relation to a document, means anything onto which information recorded in the document has been copied, by whatever means and whether directly or indirectly, and "statement" means any representation of fact, however made; and]

"proceedings" means criminal proceedings, including[<sup>F7</sup> service proceedings.]

[<sup>F8</sup>(1A) In subsection (1) "service proceedings" means proceedings before a court (other than a civilian court) in respect of a service offence; and "service offence" and "civilian court" here have the same meanings as in the Armed Forces Act 2006.]

(2) Nothing in this Part of this Act shall prejudice any power of a court to exclude evidence (whether by preventing questions from being put or otherwise) at its discretion.

#### Extent Information

**E2** S. 72 extends to England and Wales only with exceptions as regards courts martial, see s. 120(1)(6)-(8)

#### Textual Amendments

**F6** Definitions of "copy" and "statement" in s. 72(1) substituted (31.1.1997) by 1995 c. 38, s. 15(1), **Sch. 1 para. 9(2)** (with ss. 1(3), 6(4)(5), 14); S.I. 1996/3217, art. 2

---

*Status: Point in time view as at 18/06/2012.*

*Changes to legislation: Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, Part VII is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 11 May 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. (See end of Document for details)*

---

- F7** S. 72(1): words in definition of "proceedings" substituted (28.3.2009 for certain purposes and otherwise 31.10.2009) for paras. (a)-(c) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\)](#), ss. 378(1), 383, [Sch. 16 para. 102\(2\)](#); S.I. 2009/812, [art. 3](#) (with transitional provisions in S.I. 2009/1059); S.I. 2009/1167, [art. 4](#)
- F8** S. 72(1A) inserted (28.3.2009 for certain purposes and otherwise 31.10.2009) by [Armed Forces Act 2006 \(c. 52\)](#), ss. 378(1), 383, [Sch. 16 para. 102\(3\)](#); S.I. 2009/812, [art. 3](#) (with transitional provisions in S.I. 2009/1059); S.I. 2009/1167, [art. 4](#)

**Status:**

Point in time view as at 18/06/2012.

**Changes to legislation:**

Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, Part VII is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 11 May 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.