



# Criminal Justice Act 1988

## 1988 CHAPTER 33

### PART III

#### OTHER PROVISIONS ABOUT EVIDENCE IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

#### 34 Abolition of requirement of corroboration for unsworn evidence of children.

<sup>F1</sup>(1) .....

(2) Any requirement whereby at a trial on indictment it is obligatory for the court to give the jury a warning about convicting the accused on the uncorroborated evidence of a child is abrogated <sup>F2</sup> . . .

(3) Unsworn evidence admitted by virtue of [<sup>F3</sup> section 56 of the Youth Justice and Criminal Evidence Act 1999] may corroborate evidence (sworn or unsworn) given by any other person.

#### Textual Amendments

**F1** S. 34(1) repealed (1.10.1992) by Criminal Justice Act 1991 (c. 53, SIF 39:1), ss. 100, 101(2), Sch. 11 para. 37, **Sch. 13**; S.I. 1992/333, art. 2(2), **Sch. 2**.

**F2** Words in s. 34(2) repealed (4.9.1995) by 1994 c. 33, ss. 32(2), 168(3), **Sch. 11**; S.I. 1995/1957, **art. 6**

**F3** Words in s. 34(3) substituted (14.4.2000) by 1999 c. 23, s. 67, **Sch. 4 para.17** (with Sch. 7 para. 5(2)); S.I. 2000/1034, **art. 2(b)**

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

**C1** S. 34(2) explained (1.10.1996 subject to savings in art. 3 of the commencing S.I.) by 1996 c. 46, s. **6(1)(2)**; S.I. 1996/2474, **arts. 2, 3(1)**

**Changes to legislation:**

Criminal Justice Act 1988, Section 34 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 23 April 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.

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**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. 36(2)(b)(v) and word inserted by [2019 c. 17 s. 13\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 36(3A)(3B) substituted for s. 36(3A) by [2008 c. 4 s. 46\(2\)](#)
- s. 41(4A) inserted by [2004 c. 28 Sch. 10 para. 28](#)
- s. 139AZA(1)(a)(iii) and word inserted by [2019 c. 17 s. 13\(4\)\(b\)](#)