



# Armed Forces Act 1996

## 1996 CHAPTER 46

### *Rehabilitation of service offenders*

#### **14 Application of Rehabilitation of Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1978.**

- (1) The <sup>M1</sup>Rehabilitation of Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 shall be amended as follows.
- (2) In Article 4 (rehabilitation of persons dealt with in service disciplinary proceedings), paragraphs (2) to (4) shall cease to have effect.
- (3) In Article 7 (the rehabilitation period)—
  - (a) in paragraph (6) the words “Subject to paragraph (7)” shall cease to have effect; and
  - (b) after paragraph (6)(b) there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph—

“(bb) any conviction in service disciplinary proceedings for an offence listed in the Schedule;”;

and
  - (c) in paragraph (7) for the words “Notwithstanding paragraph (6)” there shall be substituted the words “ Except as provided by paragraph (6)(bb) ”.
- (4) A Schedule corresponding to the Schedule to be inserted into the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 by section 13(4) above shall be inserted as the Schedule to the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, with the substitution—
  - (a) in the Schedule heading, for the words “Section 6(4)” of the words “ Article 7 ”; and
  - (b) in paragraph 1, for the words “section 6(6)(bb) of this Act” of the words “ Article 7(6)(bb) ”.
- (5) The <sup>M2</sup>Rehabilitation of Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 shall apply to convictions before the commencement date as if the amendments made by this section had always had effect; but this subsection does not apply to convictions to which Article 4(1) of that Order applied before that date.
- (6) Where by virtue of subsection (5) above a rehabilitation period applicable to a conviction would have ended before the commencement date, the individual

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concerned shall (subject to Article 3(2) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1978) be treated as a rehabilitated person in respect of the conviction, and the conviction shall be regarded as spent, on and after that date.

(7) In this section “the commencement date” means the date on which this section comes into force.

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