Architects Act 1997

1997 CHAPTER 22

PART IV

USE OF TITLE "ARCHITECT"

21   Offence.

(1) If any person contravenes section 20(1) he commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale.

(2) A person is not guilty of an offence by reason of contravening section 20(1) on any particular date if—

    (a)   the contravention is occasioned by the fact that an application on his part for registration under this Act has not been granted; and

    (b)   notice of the decision not to grant the application had not been duly served under this Act before that date.

(3) A person is not guilty of an offence by reason of contravening section 20(1) on any particular date if the contravention is occasioned by the removal of his name from the Register in circumstances in which notice is required to be served on him and—

    (a)   the notice had not been duly served before that date;

    (b)   the time for bringing an appeal against the removal had not expired at that date; or

    (c)   such an appeal had been duly brought, but had not been determined, before that date.

(4) In relation to an offence under subsection (1)—

    (a)   section 127(1) of the [M1]Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (information to be laid within six months of offence);

    (b)   Article 19(1) of the [M2]Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (complaint to be made within that time); and

    (c)   section 136(1) of the [M3]Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 (proceedings to be commenced within that time),

shall have effect as if for the references in them to six months there were substituted references to two years.

Marginal Citations

M1	1980 c. 43.
M2	S.I. 1981/1675 (N.I. 26).
M3	1995 c. 46.

Changes to legislation:
There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Architects Act 1997, Section 21.