



Sexual Offences Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 42

PART 3

GENERAL

142 Extent, saving etc.

- (1) Subject to section 137 and to subsections (2) to (4), this Act extends to England and Wales only.
- (2) The following provisions also extend to Northern Ireland—
 - [^{F1}(a) sections 46 and ^{F2} ...,]
 - (b) [^{F3}Schedule 2,]
 - [^{F4}(c) sections 80 to 85, 86 to 88, 89 to 91, 92 to 96, 96B to 103, 122F and 130 to 136ZD;
 - (ca) Part 2A;]
 - (d) sections 138, 141, 143 and this section.
- [^{F5}(2A) Sections 85A, 96A, 96AA, 110, 117A, 119 and 123 to 129 and Schedule 3A extend only to Northern Ireland.]
- (3) The following provisions also extend to Scotland—
 - [^{F6}(a) sections 80 to 85, 86 to 88, 89 to 91, 92, 94 to 96, 97 to 103, 122F, 130 to 132 and 133 to 136ZB;]
 - (b) sections 138, 141, 143 and this section.
- [^{F7}(3A) Sections 88A to 88I, 96A, 111A, 117B, 120 and 121 extend only to Scotland.
- (3B) Sections 104 to 109, 111, 112 to 117, 118 and 122 extend to Northern Ireland and Scotland but not to England and Wales.
- (3C) The references to section 96A in subsections (2A) and (3A) are references respectively to—
 - (a) the section 96A inserted by the Criminal Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2013, and

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- (b) the section 96A inserted by the Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006.]
- (4) Unless otherwise provided, any amendment, repeal or revocation made by this Act has the same extent as the provision to which it relates.
- (5) [^{F8}Section 16B of the Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995 (c. 39) continues to have effect despite the repeal by this Act of section 8 of the Sex Offenders Act 1997 (c. 51).]
- (6) For the purposes of the Scotland Act 1998 (c. 46), this Act is to be taken to be a pre-commencement enactment.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 142(2)(a) substituted (E.W.N.I.) (2.2.2009) by [The Sexual Offences \(Northern Ireland Consequential Amendments\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1779\)](#), arts. 2(3), **11(a)**; S.R. 2008/510, **art. 2**
- F2** Words in s. 142(2) repealed (N.I.) (14.1.2015) by [Human Trafficking and Exploitation \(Criminal Justice and Support for Victims\) Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(c. 2\)](#), s. 28(2), **Sch. 5**
- F3** S. 142(2)(b) omitted (E.W.N.I.) (2.2.2009) by virtue of [The Sexual Offences \(Northern Ireland Consequential Amendments\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1779\)](#), arts. 2(3), **11(b)**; S.R. 2008/510, **art. 2**
- F4** S. 142(2)(c)(ca) substituted for s. 142(2)(c) (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 \(c. 12\)](#), **ss. 113(2)(a)**, 185(1) (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(a)
- F5** S. 142(2A) inserted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 \(c. 12\)](#), **ss. 113(2)(b)**, 185(1) (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(a)
- F6** S. 142(3)(a) substituted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 \(c. 12\)](#), **ss. 113(2)(c)**, 185(1) (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(a)
- F7** S. 142(3A)-(3C) inserted (8.3.2015) by [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 \(c. 12\)](#), **ss. 113(2)(d)**, 185(1) (with ss. 21, 33, 42, 58, 75, 93); S.I. 2015/373, art. 2(a)
- F8** S. 142(5) repealed (S.) (1.12.2010) by [Sexual Offences \(Scotland\) Act 2009 \(asp 9\)](#), ss. 61(2), 62(2), **Sch. 6**; S.S.I. 2010/357, **art. 2(a)**

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 142 power to amend conferred by [2014 c. 12 s. 181\(3\)](#)

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. 60B(5)(i) substituted for s. 60B(5)(i)(ii) by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) Sch. 1 para. 123\(1\)Sch. 9 Pt. 1](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 60B already repealed (N.I.) (14.1.2015) by [2015 c. 2 \(N.I.\)](#), s. 28(2), Sch. 5; and omitted (E.W.) (31.7.2015) by virtue of [2015 c. 30](#), Sch. 5 para. 5(2); S.I. 2015/1476, reg. 2(j))
- s. 103C(4B) inserted by [2022 c. 32 s. 178\(7\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 103E(5C)(5D) inserted by [2022 c. 32 s. 178\(8\)](#)
- s. 103F(3B) inserted by [2022 c. 32 s. 178\(9\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 103FA103FB inserted by [2022 c. 32 s. 178\(10\)](#)
- s. 108(9) inserted by [2011 c. 18 s. 17\(2\)](#)
- s. 122A(8A) inserted by [2022 c. 32 s. 178\(11\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 122A(9B) inserted by [2022 c. 32 s. 178\(11\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 122D(4C)(4D) inserted by [2022 c. 32 s. 178\(12\)](#)
- s. 122E(3B) inserted by [2022 c. 32 s. 178\(13\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 122EA122EB inserted by [2022 c. 32 s. 178\(14\)](#)
- s. 136ZA(3) inserted by [2022 c. 32 s. 178\(15\)](#)