



Sexual Offences Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 42

PART 2

NOTIFICATION AND ORDERS

Notification orders

[^{F199} Sections 97 and 98: relevant offences

- [^{F2}(1) “Relevant offence” in sections 97 and 98 means an act which—
- (a) constituted an offence under the law in force in the country concerned, and
 - (b) would have constituted an offence listed in Schedule 3 (other than at paragraph 60) if it had been done in any part of the United Kingdom.
- (2) An act punishable under the law in force in a country outside the United Kingdom constitutes an offence under that law for the purposes of subsection (1) however it is described in that law.
- (3) Subject to subsection (4), on an application for a notification order the condition in subsection (1)(b) is to be taken as met unless, not later than rules of court may provide, the [^{F3}person in respect of whom the order is sought] serves on the applicant a notice—
- (a) stating that, on the facts as alleged with respect to the act concerned, the condition is not in his opinion met,
 - (b) showing his grounds for that opinion, and
 - (c) requiring the applicant to prove that the condition is met.
- (4) The court, if it thinks fit, may permit the [^{F4}person in respect of whom the order is sought] to require the applicant to prove that the condition is met without service of a notice under subsection (3).]

Changes to legislation: Sexual Offences Act 2003, Section 99 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 06 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. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 97-101 repealed (N.I.) (24.6.2014) by [Criminal Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2013 \(c. 7\)](#), ss. 4(3), 15(2)(c)(e), [Sch. 4 Pt. 1](#) (with s. 4(4)); S.R. 2014/179, art. 2(b)
- F2** Ss. 97-103 omitted (E.W.) (29.11.2022) by virtue of [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 169\(5\)](#), 208(1) (with s. 169(7)(8)); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(b)
- F3** Words in s. 99(3) substituted (S.) (29.11.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 170\(4\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(c)
- F4** Words in s. 99(4) substituted (S.) (29.11.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 170\(4\)](#), 208(1); S.I. 2022/1227, reg. 3(c)

Changes to legislation:

Sexual Offences Act 2003, Section 99 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 06 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.

[View outstanding changes](#)

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\(15\)](#)