



Drugs Act 2005

2005 CHAPTER 17

PART 3

ASSESSMENT OF MISUSE OF DRUGS

19 Interpretation

- (1) This section applies for the purposes of this Part.
- (2) “Class A drug” and “misuse” have the same meanings as in the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (c. 38).
- (3) “Specified”, in relation to a Class A drug, has the same meaning as in Part 3 of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000 (c. 43).
- (4) “Initial assessment” and “initial assessor” must be construed in accordance with section 9(3).
- (5) “Follow-up assessment” and “follow-up assessor” must be construed in accordance with section 10(3).
- (6) “Suitably qualified person” means a person who has such qualifications or experience as are from time to time specified by the Secretary of State for the purposes of this Part.
- [^{F1}(7) “Police support officer” means—
 - (a) persons appointed by a chief constable under paragraph 4 of Schedule 2 to the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (civilian staff of police forces outside London), and
 - (b) persons appointed by the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis under paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 to that Act (civilian staff of metropolitan police force).]
 - (8) “PACE” means the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (c. 60).

*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects
for the Drugs Act 2005, Section 19. (See end of Document for details)*

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Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 19(7) substituted (16.1.2012) by [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 \(c. 13\)](#), s. 157(1), [Sch. 16 para. 340](#); S.I. 2011/3019, art. 3, Sch. 1 (with Sch. 2 para. 77)
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Commencement Information

- I1** S. 19 in force at 1.12.2005 by [S.I. 2005/3053](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(e\)](#)

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