



Constitutional Reform Act 2005

2005 CHAPTER 4

PART 3

THE SUPREME COURT

Appointment of judges

25 Qualification for appointment

- (1) A person is not qualified to be appointed a judge of the Supreme Court unless he has (at any time)—
- (a) held high judicial office for a period of at least 2 years,
 - (b) been a qualifying practitioner for a period of at least 15 years.
 - [^{F1}(b) satisfied the judicial-appointment eligibility condition on a 15-year basis, or
 - (c) been a qualifying practitioner for a period of at least 15 years.]
- (2) A person is a qualifying practitioner for the purposes of this section at any time when—
- (a) ^{F2}
 - (b) he is an advocate in Scotland or a solicitor entitled to appear in the Court of Session and the High Court of Justiciary, or
 - (c) he is a member of the Bar of Northern Ireland or a solicitor of the Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 25(1)(b)(c) substituted (21.7.2008) for s. 25(1)(b) and preceding word by [Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 \(c. 15\)](#), ss. 50, 148, [Sch. 10 para. 41\(2\)](#); S.I. 2008/1653, [art. 2\(d\)](#) (with arts. 3,4)
- F2** S. 25(2)(a) omitted (21.7.2008) by virtue of and repealed (3.11.2008) by [Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 \(c. 15\)](#), ss. 50, 146, 148, [Sch. 10 para. 41\(3\)](#), [Sch. 23 Pt. 2](#); S.I. 2008/1653, [art. 2\(d\)](#) (with arts. 3, 4); S.I. 2008/2696, [art. 5\(j\)](#) (with arts. 3, 4)

Changes to legislation:

Constitutional Reform Act 2005, Section 25 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 07 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.

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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. 132(4A) words substituted by [2015 c. 2 s. 83\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 4Pt. A words inserted by [2007 c. 15 s. 144\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 4Pt. A words inserted by [2007 c. 15 s. 144\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 4Pt. A words inserted by [2007 c. 15 s. 144\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 4Pt. A words inserted by [2007 c. 15 s. 144\(6\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 4Pt. A words inserted by [2007 c. 15 s. 144\(8\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 4Pt. A words inserted by [2007 c. 15 s. 144\(9\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 4Pt. A words inserted by [2007 c. 15 s. 144\(10\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 4Pt. A words substituted by [2007 c. 15 s. 144\(10\)\(b\)](#)