



Modern Slavery Act 2015

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MODERN SLAVERY ACT 2015

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Sexual Offences Act 2003 (c. 42)

- 2 (1) An offence under section 57, 58, 58A, 59 or...

Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 (asp 7)

- 3 An offence under section 22 of the Criminal Justice (Scotland)...

Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Act 2004 (c. 19)

- 4 An offence under section 4 of the Asylum and Immigration...

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Coroners and Justice Act 2009 (c. 25)

- 5 An offence under section 71 of the Coroners and Justice...

Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 (asp 13)

- 6 An offence under section 47 of the Criminal Justice and...

Modern Slavery Act 2015 (c. 30)

- 7 An offence under section 1, 2 or 4 of this...

Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Criminal Justice and Support for Victims) Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (c. 2 (N.I.))

- 8 An offence under section 1, 2 or 4 of the...

Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015 (asp 12)

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- 4 (1) This paragraph applies if an English and Welsh constable...

Code of practice

- 5 (1) The Secretary of State must prepare and issue a...

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- 6 (1) An English and Welsh constable or an enforcement officer...

Reasonable force

- 7 An English and Welsh constable or an enforcement officer may...

Evidence of authority

- 8 An English and Welsh constable or an enforcement officer must...

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9 An English and Welsh constable or an enforcement officer is...

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10 (1) A person commits an offence under the law of...
PART 2 — SCOTLAND

Introductory

11 (1) This Part of this Schedule sets out the powers...

Power to stop, board, divert and detain

12 (1) This paragraph applies if a Scottish constable or an...

Power to search and obtain information

13 (1) This paragraph applies if a Scottish constable or an...

Power of arrest and seizure

14 (1) This paragraph applies if a Scottish constable or an...

Assistants

15 (1) A Scottish constable or an enforcement officer may—

Reasonable force

16 A Scottish constable or an enforcement officer may use reasonable...

Evidence of authority

17 A Scottish constable or an enforcement officer must produce evidence...

Offences

18 (1) A person commits an offence under the law of...
PART 3 — NORTHERN IRELAND

Introductory

19 (1) This Part of this Schedule sets out the powers...

Power to stop, board, divert and detain

20 (1) This paragraph applies if a Northern Ireland constable or...

Power to search and obtain information

21 (1) This paragraph applies if a Northern Ireland constable or...

Power of arrest and seizure

22 (1) This paragraph applies if a Northern Ireland constable or...

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Code of practice

23 (1) The Department of Justice in Northern Ireland must prepare...

Assistants

24 (1) A Northern Ireland constable or an enforcement officer may—...

Reasonable force

25 A Northern Ireland constable or an enforcement officer may use...

Evidence of authority

26 A Northern Ireland constable or an enforcement officer must produce...

Protection of constables and enforcement officers

27 A Northern Ireland constable or an enforcement officer is not...

Offences

28 (1) A person commits an offence under the law of...

SCHEDULE 3 — Public authorities under a duty to co-operate with the
Commissioner

Law enforcement and border security
Local government
Health bodies
Regulators
Northern Irish public authority

SCHEDULE 4 — Offences to which defence in section 45 does not apply

Common law offences

- 1 False imprisonment.
- 2 Kidnapping.
- 3 Manslaughter.
- 4 Murder.
- 5 Perverting the course of justice.
- 6 Piracy.

Offences against the Person Act 1861 (c. 100)

7 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...

Explosive Substances Act 1883 (c. 3)

8 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...

Infant Life (Preservation) Act 1929 (c. 34)

9 An offence under section 1 of the Infant Life (Preservation)...

Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (c. 12)

10 An offence under section 1 of the Children and Young...

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Public Order Act 1936 (1 Edw. 8 & 1 Geo. 6 c. 6)

11 An offence under section 2 of the Public Order Act...

Infanticide Act 1938 (c. 36)

12 An offence under section 1 of the Infanticide Act 1938...

Firearms Act 1968 (c. 27)

13 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...

Theft Act 1968 (c. 60)

14 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...

Criminal Damage Act 1971 (c. 48)

15 The following offences under the Criminal Damage Act 1971— an...

Immigration Act 1971 (c. 77)

16 An offence under section 25 of the Immigration Act 1971...

Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 (c. 2)

17 An offence under section 170 of the Customs and Excise...

Taking of Hostages Act 1982 (c. 28)

18 An offence under section 1 of the Taking of Hostages...

Aviation Security Act 1982 (c. 36)

19 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...

Mental Health Act 1983 (c. 20)

20 An offence under section 127 of the Mental Health Act...

Child Abduction Act 1984 (c. 37)

21 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...

Public Order Act 1986 (c. 64)

22 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...

Criminal Justice Act 1988 (c. 33)

23 An offence under section 134 of the Criminal Justice Act...

Road Traffic Act 1988 (c. 52)

24 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...

Aviation and Maritime Security Act 1990 (c. 31)

25 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...

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- Channel Tunnel (Security) Order 1994 (S.I. 1994/570)*
- 26 An offence under Part 2 of the Channel Tunnel (Security)...
- Protection from Harassment Act 1997 (c. 40)*
- 27 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...
- Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (c. 37)*
- 28 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...
- Terrorism Act 2000 (c. 11)*
- 29 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...
- International Criminal Court Act 2001 (c. 17)*
- 30 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...
- Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001 (c. 24)*
- 31 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...
- Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003 (c. 31)*
- 32 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...
- Sexual Offences Act 2003 (c. 42)*
- 33 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...
- Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 (c. 28)*
- 34 An offence under section 5 of the Domestic Violence, Crime...
- Terrorism Act 2006 (c. 11)*
- 35 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...
- Serious Crime Act 2015*
- 35A An offence under section 75A of the Serious Crime Act...
- Modern Slavery Act 2015 (c. 30)*
- 36 An offence under any of the following provisions of the...
- 36A An offence under any of the following provisions of Schedule...
- Health and Care Act 2022*
- 36B An offence under any of the following provisions of the...
- National Security Act 2023*
- 36C An offence under any of the following provisions of the...
- Ancillary offences*
- 37 (1) An offence of attempting or conspiring to commit an...

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Authorities with functions in connection with the labour market etc

The Secretary of State. A person by whom, or by...

Law enforcement and border security

A chief officer of police for a police area in...

Local government

A county council in England or Wales. A county borough...

Health bodies

A National Health Service trust established under section 25 of...

Other

The Independent Anti-slavery Commissioner.

SCHEDULE 5 — Minor and consequential amendments

PART 1 — AMENDMENTS RELATING TO OFFENCES

Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (c. 12)

1 (1) Schedule 1 to the Children and Young Persons Act...

Immigration Act 1971 (c. 77)

2 In section 25C of the Immigration Act 1971 (forfeiture of...

Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (c. 60)

3 In section 65A(2) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act...

Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 1992 (c. 34)

4 In section 2(1) of the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 1992...

Sexual Offences Act 2003 (c. 42)

5 (1) The Sexual Offences Act 2003 is amended as follows....

Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Act 2004 (c. 19)

6 (1) The Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc.) Act...

Serious Crime Act 2007 (c. 27)

7 (1) Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Serious Crime...

Coroners and Justice Act 2009 (c. 25)

8 Omit section 71 of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009...

Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 (c. 9)

9 (1) The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 is amended as...

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Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (c. 10)

- 10 In Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Legal Aid,...
- PART 2 — AMENDMENTS RELATING TO SLAVERY AND TRAFFICKING
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Administration of Justice Act 1970 (c. 31)

- 11 (1) The Administration of Justice Act 1970 is amended as...

Criminal Justice Act 1991 (c. 53)

- 12 (1) Section 24 of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 (recovery...

Social Security (Recovery of Benefits) Act 1997 (c. 27)

- 13 In paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to the Social Security...

Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000 (c. 6)

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Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (c. 29)

- 15 In section 13(3A) of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002...
- 16 In section 19(8) of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002...
- 17 In section 20(12) of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002...
- 18 In section 32(7)(b) of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002...
- 19 In section 33(9)(b) of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002...
- 20 Minor and consequential amendments
- 21 In section 308 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002...
- 22 In Schedule 11 to the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002...

Courts Act 2003 (c. 39)

- 23 (1) Schedule 5 to the Courts Act 2003 (collection of...

Criminal Justice Act 2003 (c. 44)

- 24
- 25

Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (c. 43)

- 26 In paragraph 1 of Schedule 10 to the Health and...

Prevention of Social Housing Fraud Act 2013 (c. 3)

- 27 (1) The Prevention of Social Housing Fraud Act 2013 is...

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 50A restricted by [2023 c. 37 s. 23\(2\)](#)

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. 50A(5A) inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 28\(1\)](#)