



# Sexual Offences Act 1956

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## PART II

### SUPPLEMENTARY

#### *Consequential amendments*

#### 48 Amendments of Acts not consolidated.

The enactments mentioned in the first column of the Third Schedule to this Act shall be amended as shown in the second column of that Schedule.

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 The text of s. 48 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

#### 49 ..... F1

#### Textual Amendments

- F1 S. 49 repealed by [Sexual Offences \(Scotland\) Act 1976 \(c. 67\)](#), [Sch. 2](#)

#### 50 Adaptation of enactments applying to Northern Ireland.

- (1) In Northern Ireland, a conviction under section thirty-three, thirty-four, thirty-five or thirty-six of this Act shall be taken into account under section three of the <sup>M1</sup>Criminal Law Amendment Act (Northern Ireland) 1923, in the same way as a conviction under section thirteen of the <sup>M2</sup>Criminal Law Amendment Act 1885.

- (2) ..... F2

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**Textual Amendments**  
**F2** S. 50(2) repealed by [Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973 \(c. 36\)](#), **Sch. 6 Pt. I**

**Marginal Citations**  
**M1** 1923 c. 8 (N.I.)  
**M2** 1885 c. 69.

**51** ..... **F3**

**Textual Amendments**  
**F3** S. 51 repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1974 \(c. 22\)](#), **Sch. Pt. XI**

**52 Savings, etc.**

(1) Nothing in this Act shall affect any previous enactment in its operation in relation to offences under any such enactment committed or partly committed before the commencement of this Act, or in relation to anything done before that commencement under the authority or for the purposes of any such enactment:

**F4** .....

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Act, and in particular to those of the Third Schedule, any reference in any document to an enactment repealed by this Act shall be construed as referring, or as including a reference, to the corresponding provision of this Act, so far as may be necessary to prevent this Act altering the substantial effect of the document.

(3) Without prejudice to the last foregoing subsection any reference in any document to an offence under an enactment repealed by this Act, if it referred, or included a reference, to an attempt to commit an offence under such an enactment, shall be construed as referring, or as including a reference, to an attempt to commit the corresponding offence under this Act, so far as may be necessary to prevent this Act altering the substantial effect of the document.

(4) The inclusion in this Act of any express saving or amendment shall not be taken as prejudicing the operation of section thirty-eight of the <sup>M3</sup>Interpretation Act 1889 (which relates to the effect of repeals).

**Textual Amendments**  
**F4** Words in s. 52(1) repealed (21.7.2008) by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 2008 \(c. 12\)](#), **Sch. 1 Pt. 3**

**Marginal Citations**  
**M3** 1889 c. 63.

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**53 Construction of references to enactments.**

Except in so far as the context otherwise requires, any reference in this Act to any other enactment shall be taken as referring to that enactment as amended by any subsequent enactment, including this Act.

**54 Extent.**

(1) This Act shall not extend to Scotland,<sup>F5</sup> . . .

(2) This Act shall not extend to Northern Ireland, except section fifty<sup>F5</sup> . . .

**Textual Amendments**

**F5** Words in s. 54(1)(2) repealed (5.11.1993) by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1993 c. 50, s. 1(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. I** Gp. 1

**55 Short title.**

This Act may be cited as the Sexual Offences Act 1956.

**56 Commencement.**

This Act shall come into force on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven.

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