



Prison Act 1952

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An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to prisons and other institutions for offenders and related matters with corrections and improvements made under the Consolidation of Enactments (Procedure) Act 1949. [1st August 1952]

Extent Information

E1 For the extent of this Act see [s. 55\(3\)\(4\)\(5\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** By [Criminal Justice Act 1991 \(c. 53, SIF 39:1\)](#), [s. 10\(1\)](#), [Sch. 12 para. 23](#); [S.I. 1991/2208](#), [art. 2\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1](#) it is provided (14.10.1991) that in relation to any time before the commencement of [s. 70](#) of that 1991 Act (which came into force on 1.10.1992 by [S.I. 1992/333](#), [art. 2\(2\)](#), [Sch. 2](#)) references in any enactment amended by that 1991 Act, to youth courts shall be construed as references to juvenile courts.
- C2** Act applied (3.11.1994) by [1994 c. 33](#), [ss. 7\(2\)\(4\)](#), [172\(4\)](#)
Act applied (3.11.1994) by [1994 c. 33](#), [ss. 8\(2\)](#), [172\(4\)](#)
- C3** Act amended (1.10.1997) by [1997 c. 43](#), [s. 41](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. III para. 17\(2\)\(3\)](#); [S.I. 1997/2200](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(g\)](#) (with [art. 5](#))
- C4** A reference to a detention centre within the meaning of [Part VIII of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 \(c. 33\)](#) to be construed as a reference to a removal centre within the meaning of that Part (prosp.) by virtue of [Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 \(c. 41\)](#), [ss. {66\(4\)}](#), [162\(2\)](#) (with [s. 159](#))
- C5** Act: a reference to a detention centre within the meaning of [Pt. 8 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 \(c. 33\)](#) to be construed as a reference to a removal centre within the meaning of that part (10.2.2003) by virtue of [2002 c. 41](#), [ss. 66\(4\)](#), [162\(1\)](#); [S.I. 2003/1](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch.](#)
- C6** Act applied (20.3.2015) by [Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 \(c. 2\)](#), [s. 95\(1\)](#), [Sch. 10 para. 3\(2\)\(a\)](#); [S.I. 2015/778](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(d\)](#)
- C7** Act applied (20.3.2015) by [Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 \(c. 2\)](#), [s. 95\(1\)](#), [Sch. 10 para. 2\(b\)](#); [S.I. 2015/778](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(d\)](#)

Commencement Information

I1 Act wholly in force at 1.10.1952 see [s. 55\(2\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

Prison Act 1952, Introductory Text is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 09 May 2023. 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. 47(1A) inserted by [2012 c. 10 s. 129\(2\)](#)
- s. 47(1A) modified (temp.) by [2012 c. 10 s. 129\(10\)](#)
- s. 47(1A) modified (temp.) by [2012 c. 10 s. 129\(11\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 47(1A)(a) words inserted by [2015 c. 2 Sch. 9 para. 3\(3\)](#)
- s. 47(6) inserted by [2012 c. 10 s. 129\(3\)](#)
- s. 47A inserted by [2012 c. 10 s. 129\(4\)](#)
- s. 47A modified (temp.) by [2012 c. 10 s. 129\(11\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 55(4A) repealed by [2006 c. 13 s. 46\(2\)\(a\)Sch. 3](#)