

**1978 No. 474****PROBATION AND AFTER-CARE****The Probation Orders (Variation of Statutory Limits)  
Order 1978***Laid before Parliament in draft**Made - - - 21st March 1978**Coming into Operation 15th May 1978*

Whereas a draft of this Order has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament:

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 2(9) of the Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973(a) as set out in section 57(1) of the Criminal Law Act 1977(b), I hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Probation Orders (Variation of Statutory Limits) Order 1978 and shall come into operation on 15th May 1978.
2. The Interpretation Act 1889(c) shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.
3. Section 2(1) of the Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973 (power to make a probation order) shall be amended by substituting for the words “not less than one year” the words “not less than six months”.

*Merlyn Rees,*

One of Her Majesty's Principal  
Secretaries of State.

Home Office.  
21st March 1978.

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(a) 1973 c.62.

(b) 1977 c. 45.

(c) 1889 c.63.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order amends section 2(1) of the Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973 to reduce from one year to six months the minimum period of supervision a court may specify in making a probation order.

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