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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2000 No. 3280**

**The Access to Justice Act 1999 (Commencement  
No. 5 and Transitional Provisions) Order 2000**

**Transitional provisions**

3.—(1) This paragraph applies where—

- (a) a warrant of arrest, commitment, detention or distress is issued by a justice of the peace at any time before 8th January 2001,
- (b) the warrant has not been executed before 8th January 2001, and
- (c) if the warrant had been issued on 8th January 2001, section 125A(1) of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 would have applied to it.

(2) Where paragraph (1) applies, the warrant may be executed on or after 8th January 2001 in the same manner as if it had been issued on 8th January 2001, and sections 125A and 125B of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 shall apply accordingly.

(3) Where paragraph (1) applies, the warrant need not be executed by a police officer, and may be executed by any person within the descriptions contained in section 125A(2) or 125B(1) of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, subject to and in accordance with any rules made under section 144 of that Act and for the time being in force.

(4) Where paragraph (1) applies, basic personal information may be supplied as provided in section 125C of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 for the purpose of facilitating the enforcement of the warrant as if it had been issued on 8th January 2001.