



Computer Misuse Act 1990

CHAPTER 18

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Computer misuse offences

- 1 Unauthorised access to computer material.
- 2 Unauthorised access with intent to commit or facilitate commission of further offences.
- 3 Unauthorised acts with intent to impair, or with recklessness as to impairing, operation of computer, etc.
- 3ZA Unauthorised acts causing, or creating risk of, serious damage
- 3A Making, supplying or obtaining articles for use in offence under section 1, 3 or 3ZA

Jurisdiction

- 4 Territorial scope of offences under this Act.
- 5 Significant links with domestic jurisdiction.
- 6 Territorial scope of inchoate offences related to offences under this Act.
- 7 Territorial scope of inchoate offences related to offences under external law corresponding to offences under sections 1 to 3.
- 8 Relevance of external law.
- 9 British citizenship immaterial.

Miscellaneous and general

- 10 Savings
- 11 Proceedings for offences under section 1.
- 12 Conviction of an offence under section 1 in proceedings for an offence under section 2 or 3.
- 13 Proceedings in Scotland.
- 14 Search warrants for offences under section 1.

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- 15 Extradition where Schedule 1 to the Extradition Act 1989 applies.
- 16 Application to Northern Ireland.
- 16A Northern Ireland: search warrants for offences under section 1
- 17 Interpretation.
- 18 Citation, commencement etc.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 2(2)(b) words substituted by [2000 c. 43 Sch. 7 para. 98](#)
- s. 14(1) words inserted by [2003 c. 39 Sch. 4 para. 7](#)