



Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984

1984 CHAPTER 60

PART VIII

EVIDENCE IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS—GENERAL

Convictions and acquittals

74 Conviction as evidence of commission of offence.

- (1) In any proceedings the fact that a person other than the accused has been convicted of an offence by or before any court in the United Kingdom ^{F1}... or by a Service court outside the United Kingdom shall be admissible in evidence for the purpose of proving, [^{F2}that that person committed that offence, where evidence of his having done so is admissible], whether or not any other evidence of his having committed that offence is given.
- (2) In any proceedings in which by virtue of this section a person other than the accused is proved to have been convicted of an offence by or before any court in the United Kingdom ^{F3}... or by a Service court outside the United Kingdom, he shall be taken to have committed that offence unless the contrary is proved.
- (3) In any proceedings where evidence is admissible of the fact that the accused has committed an offence, ^{F4} . . . , if the accused is proved to have been convicted of the offence—
 - (a) by or before any court in the United Kingdom ^{F5}...; or
 - (b) by a Service court outside the United Kingdom,he shall be taken to have committed that offence unless the contrary is proved.
- (4) Nothing in this section shall prejudice—
 - (a) the admissibility in evidence of any conviction which would be admissible apart from this section; or
 - (b) the operation of any enactment whereby a conviction or a finding of fact in any proceedings is for the purposes of any other proceedings made conclusive evidence of any fact.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 74(1) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Criminal Justice \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/780\)](#), regs. 1(1), **29(3)(a)** (with reg. 31) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1520, regs. 1(1), 7); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F2** Words in s. 74(1) substituted (15.12.2004) by [Criminal Justice Act 2003 \(c. 44\)](#), 331, 336, {Sch. 36 para. 85(2)}; S.I. 2004/3033, **art. 3(1)(2)(d)**
- F3** Words in s. 74(2) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Criminal Justice \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/780\)](#), regs. 1(1), **29(3)(b)** (with reg. 31) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1520, regs. 1(1), 7); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F4** Words in s. 74(3) repealed (15.12.2004) by [Criminal Justice Act 2003 \(c. 44\)](#), ss. 331, 332, 336, Sch. 36 para. 85(3), **Sch. 37 Pt. 5**; S.I. 2004/3033, **art. 3(1)(2)(d)(e)(i)**
- F5** Words in s. 74(3)(a) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Criminal Justice \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/780\)](#), regs. 1(1), **29(3)(c)** (with reg. 31) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1520, regs. 1(1), 7); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 74 modified (2.10.2000) by S.I. 2000/2370, rule 27(2), **Sch. 3 Pt. III para. 18(b)**
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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 17(1)(cza) inserted by [2021 c. 17 s. 26\(9\)](#)
- s. 47A(3A) substituted by [2022 c. 35 Sch. 2 para. 7](#)
- s. 61(6BA) inserted by [2008 c. 28 s. 10\(1\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 10 omitted (14.12.2011) by virtue of 2011 c. 23, ss. 29, 31(2), Sch. 7 para. 5(3))
- s. 63(3D) inserted by [2008 c. 28 s. 10\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 10 omitted (14.12.2011) by virtue of 2011 c. 23, ss. 29, 31(2), Sch. 7 para. 5(3))
- s. 64(1AA) inserted by [2008 c. 28 s. 10\(4\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 10 omitted (14.12.2011) by virtue of 2011 c. 23, ss. 29, 31(2), Sch. 7 para. 5(3))
- s. 64A(1B)(cb) inserted by [2022 c. 32 Sch. 11 para. 18\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 1A para. 21A added by 1995 c. 32, s. 8B(1) (as inserted) by [2006 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 13](#)