



Computer Misuse Act 1990

1990 CHAPTER 18

Miscellaneous and general

[^{F1}16A Northern Ireland: search warrants for offences under section 1 **N.I.**

- (1) Where a county court judge is satisfied by information on oath given by a constable that there are reasonable grounds for believing—
 - (a) that an offence under section 1 above has been or is about to be committed in any premises, and
 - (b) that evidence that such an offence has been or is about to be committed is in those premises,he may issue a warrant authorising a constable to enter and search the premises, using such reasonable force as is necessary.
- (2) The power conferred by subsection (1) above does not extend to authorising a search for material of the kinds mentioned in Article 11(2) of the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (privileged, excluded and special procedure material).
- (3) A warrant under this section—
 - (a) may authorise persons to accompany any constable executing the warrant; and
 - (b) remains in force for twenty-eight days from the date of its issue.
- (4) In exercising a warrant issued under this section a constable may seize an article if he reasonably believes that it is evidence that an offence under section 1 above has been or is about to be committed.
- (5) In this section “ premises ” includes land, buildings, movable structures, vehicles, vessels, aircraft and hovercraft.
- (6) This section extends only to Northern Ireland.]

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Computer Misuse Act 1990, Section 16A. (See end of Document for details)

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Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 16A inserted (1.10.2008) by Police and Justice Act 2006 (c. 48), ss. 52, 53, **Sch. 14 para. 28** (with s. 38(2)); S.I. 2008/2503, **art. 3(b)**

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