



# Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

## 1995 CHAPTER 46

### PART XII

#### EVIDENCE

##### *[<sup>F1</sup> Witness anonymity orders*

##### **[<sup>F1</sup>271V Appeals**

- (1) The prosecutor or the accused may appeal to the [<sup>F2</sup>appropriate Appeal Court] against—
  - (a) the making of a witness anonymity order under section 271N,
  - (b) the kinds of measures that are required to be taken in relation to a witness under a witness anonymity order made under that section,
  - (c) the refusal to make a witness anonymity order under that section,
  - (d) the discharge of a witness anonymity order under section 271U,
  - (e) the variation of a witness anonymity order under that section, or
  - (f) the refusal to discharge or vary a witness anonymity order under that section.
- (2) The appeal may be brought only with the leave of the court of first instance, granted—
  - (a) on the motion of the party making the appeal, or
  - (b) on its own initiative.
- (3) The procedure in relation to the appeal is to be prescribed by Act of Adjournal.
- (4) If an appeal is brought under this section—
  - (a) the period between the lodging of the appeal and its determination does not count towards any time limit applying in respect of the case,
  - (b) the court of first instance or the [<sup>F3</sup>appropriate Appeal Court] may do either or both of the following—
    - (i) postpone or adjourn (or further adjourn) the trial diet,
    - (ii) extend any time limit applying in respect of the case.

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(5) An appeal under this section does not affect any right of appeal in relation to any other decision of any court in the criminal proceedings.

[ In this section, “appropriate Appeal Court” means—

- <sup>F4</sup>(6) (a) in the case of an appeal under this section against a decision made in proceedings on indictment, the High Court;
- (b) in the case of an appeal under this section against a decision made in summary proceedings, the Sheriff Appeal Court.]]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 271N-271Z inserted (28.3.2011) by [Criminal Justice and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(asp 13\)](#), [ss. 90\(1\)](#), 206(1); S.S.I. 2011/178, art. 2, sch.
- F2** Words in s. 271V(1) substituted (22.9.2015) by [The Courts Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2014 \(Consequential Provisions No. 2\) Order 2015 \(S.S.I. 2015/338\)](#), art. 1, [sch. 2 para. 5\(10\)\(a\)](#) (with art. 4)
- F3** Words in s. 271V(4)(b) substituted (22.9.2015) by [The Courts Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2014 \(Consequential Provisions No. 2\) Order 2015 \(S.S.I. 2015/338\)](#), art. 1, [sch. 2 para. 5\(10\)\(a\)](#) (with art. 4)
- F4** S. 271V(6) inserted (22.9.2015) by [The Courts Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2014 \(Consequential Provisions No. 2\) Order 2015 \(S.S.I. 2015/338\)](#), art. 1, [sch. 2 para. 5\(10\)\(b\)](#) (with art. 4)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Ss. 271N-271Z applied (28.3.2011) by [Criminal Justice and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(asp 13\)](#), [ss. 90\(3\)\(4\)](#), 206(1); S.S.I. 2011/178, art. 2, sch.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 5A inserted by [2010 asp 13 Sch. 7 para. 26](#)
- s. 13(1B)(1C) inserted by [2006 asp 10 s. 82\(2\)](#)
- s. 13(2)(aa) inserted by [2006 asp 10 s. 82\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 13(3A) inserted by [2006 asp 10 s. 82\(4\)](#)
- s. 13(5)(ba) inserted by [2006 asp 10 s. 82\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 13(6)(a)(iii) and word inserted by [2006 asp 10 s. 82\(6\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 13(8) inserted by [2006 asp 10 s. 82\(7\)](#)
- s. 22(5A) inserted by [2007 asp 6 s. 7\(2\)\(g\)](#)
- s. 22A(1A) inserted by [2023 asp 4 s. 1\(2\)](#)
- s. 23B(1)(1A) substituted for s. 23B(1) by [2023 asp 4 s. 2\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 23B(6A) inserted by [2023 asp 4 s. 1\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 23B(8)-(10) inserted by [2023 asp 4 s. 2\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 23C(1A) inserted by [2023 asp 4 s. 2\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 23C(3) inserted by [2023 asp 4 s. 2\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 24(2C) inserted by [2023 asp 4 s. 4\(4\)](#)
- s. 24(2AA) inserted by [2023 asp 4 s. 4\(2\)](#)
- s. 73A inserted by [2004 asp 3 s. 2\(3\)](#)
- s. 167(7D)(7E) inserted by [2007 asp 17 sch. 4 para. 1\(3\)](#)
- s. 167(7D) words substituted by [2010 asp 13 Sch. 3 para. 16\(2\)](#)
- s. 167(7E) words substituted by [2010 asp 13 Sch. 3 para. 16\(3\)](#)
- s. 194ZA repealed by [2014 asp 18 sch. 3 para. 25](#)
- s. 200A inserted by [2016 asp 1 s. 85](#)
- s. 205A added by [1997 c. 48 s. 1\(1\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk. 1997 c. 48, s. 1 repealed \(27.6.2003\)](#) without ever being in force by [2003 asp 7, s. 19\(3\)](#); [S.S.I. 2003/288, art. 2, Sch.](#))
- s. 210ZA inserted by [2023 asp 4 s. 5](#)
- s. 249(4A)-(4D) inserted by [2014 asp 1 s. 24](#)
- s. 271D(4A) inserted by [2019 asp 8 s. 6\(4\)](#)
- s. 271F(2)(aa) inserted by [2019 asp 8 s. 10\(4\)](#)
- s. 271AA inserted by [2019 asp 8 s. 6\(2\)](#)
- s. 271BZD inserted by [2019 asp 8 s. 3\(2\)](#)
- s. 288AB288AC inserted by [2024 asp 1 s. 32\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 5A added by [1997 c. 48 s. 1\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk. 1997 c. 48, s. 1 repealed \(27.6.2003\)](#) without ever being in force by [2003 asp 7, s. 19\(3\)](#); [S.S.I. 2003/288, art. 2, Sch.](#))