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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 5

#### COLLECTION OF FINES <sup>[F1]</sup>AND OTHER SUMS IMPOSED ON CONVICTION]

##### Textual Amendments

- F1** Sch. 5: words in heading inserted (3.7.2006) by [The Collection of Fines \(Final Scheme\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1737\)](#), arts. 1, 5 (with transitional provision in art. 3)

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

- C1** Sch. 5 applied (with modifications) (temp. from 23.3.2004 for certain purposes, 29.3.2004 for certain further purposes, 5.4.2004 for all purposes to 31.3.2006) by [S.I. 2004/175](#), arts. 1-3, Sch. (as amended by [S.I. 2004/1406](#), arts. 3, 4; [S.I. 2005/487](#), arts. 4-6; [S.I. 2005/642](#), art. 2; [S.I. 2005/2410](#), art. 2; [S.I. 2005/3166](#), art. 2)
- C1** Sch. 5 modified (temp. from 27.3.2006 to 2.7.2006) by [The Collection of Fines \(Pilot Scheme\) and Discharge of Fines by Unpaid Work \(Pilot Schemes\) \(Amendment\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/502\)](#), arts. 1(1)(b)(2), 5 (with transitional provision in art. 4)
- C1** Sch. 5 restricted (prosp.) by [Education and Skills Act 2008 \(c. 25\)](#), ss. 56-58, 173(4)
- C1** Sch. 5 applied (1.10.2009) by [Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 85(7)(b), 153; [S.I. 2009/2606](#), art. 2(f)

#### <sup>[F1]</sup>PART 3A

#### DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION, AND MEANING OF "RELEVANT BENEFIT" ETC]

##### Textual Amendments

- F1** Sch. 5 Pt. 3A heading inserted (11.12.2013) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), ss. 27(3), 61(3); [S.I. 2013/2981](#), art. 2(a)

#### <sup>[F1]</sup>Restrictions on disclosure

##### Textual Amendments

- F1** Sch. 5 paras. 9A-9C and cross-headings inserted (3.11.2008) by [Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 41, 153; [S.I. 2008/2712](#), art. 2, Sch. para. 6 (subject to arts. 3, 4)

- 9B (1) A person to whom information is disclosed under paragraph <sup>[F2]</sup>9A], or this subparagraph, may disclose the information to any person to whom its disclosure is necessary or expedient in connection with facilitating the making <sup>[F3]</sup>, by the relevant

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court or a fines officer, of such a decision, order or application as is mentioned in paragraph 9A(1B).]

- (2) A person to whom such information is disclosed commits an offence if the person—
- (a) discloses or uses the information, and
  - (b) the disclosure is not authorised by sub-paragraph (1) or (as the case may be) the use is not for the purpose of facilitating the making of such a decision [F4, order or application as is mentioned in paragraph 9A(1B)].
- (3) But it is not an offence under sub-paragraph (2)—
- (a) to disclose any information in accordance with any enactment or order of a court [F5 or of a tribunal established by or under an Act] or for the purposes of any proceedings before a court; or
  - (b) to disclose [F6 or use—
    - (i) any information which is in the form of a summary or collection of information so framed as not to enable information relating to any particular person to be ascertained from it, or
    - (ii)] any information which has previously been lawfully disclosed to the public.
- (4) It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under sub-paragraph (2) to prove that the person reasonably believed that the disclosure or use was lawful.
- (5) A person guilty of an offence under sub-paragraph (2) is [F7]liable—
- (a) on conviction on indictment—
    - (i) to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years, or
    - (ii) to a fine, or
    - (iii) to both;
  - (b) on summary conviction—
    - (i) to imprisonment for a term not exceeding [F8 the general limit in a magistrates' court], or
    - (ii) to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum, or
    - (iii) to both.]
- [ Sub-paragraph (5)(b) applies in relation to offences committed before [F10 2 May F9(6) 2022] (general limit on power of magistrates' courts to impose imprisonment) as if the reference to [F11 the general limit in a magistrates' court] were a reference to 6 months.
- (7) A prosecution for an offence under sub-paragraph (2) may be instituted only by or with the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions.]]

#### Textual Amendments

- F2** Word in Sch. 5 para. 9B(1) substituted (11.12.2013) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), [ss. 27\(6\)\(a\)](#), [61\(3\)](#); [S.I. 2013/2981](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)
- F3** Words in Sch. 5 para. 9B(1) substituted (11.12.2013) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), [ss. 27\(6\)\(b\)](#), [61\(3\)](#); [S.I. 2013/2981](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)
- F4** Words in Sch. 5 para. 9B(2)(b) substituted (11.12.2013) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), [ss. 27\(7\)](#), [61\(3\)](#); [S.I. 2013/2981](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

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- F5** Words in Sch. 5 para. 9B(3)(a) inserted (11.12.2013) by Crime and Courts Act 2013 (c. 22), **ss. 27(8)(a)**, 61(3); S.I. 2013/2981, art. 2(a)
- F6** Words in Sch. 5 para. 9B(3)(b) inserted (11.12.2013) by Crime and Courts Act 2013 (c. 22), **ss. 27(8)(b)**, 61(3); S.I. 2013/2981, art. 2(a)
- F7** Words in Sch. 5 para. 9B(5) substituted (11.12.2013) by Crime and Courts Act 2013 (c. 22), **ss. 27(9)**, 61(3); S.I. 2013/2981, art. 2(a)
- F8** Words in Sch. 5 para. 9B(5)(b)(i) substituted (7.2.2023 at 12.00 p.m.) by The Judicial Review and Courts Act 2022 (Magistrates' Court Sentencing Powers) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/149), regs. 1(2), 2(1), **Sch. Pt. 1** table
- F9** Sch. 5 para. 9B(6)(7) inserted (11.12.2013) by Crime and Courts Act 2013 (c. 22), **ss. 27(10)**, 61(3); S.I. 2013/2981, art. 2(a)
- F10** Words in Sch. 5 para. 9B(6) substituted (28.4.2022) by The Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Commencement No. 33) and Sentencing Act 2020 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/500), regs. 1(2), 5(1), **Sch. Pt. 1**
- F11** Words in Sch. 5 para. 9B(6) substituted (7.2.2023 at 12.00 p.m.) by The Judicial Review and Courts Act 2022 (Magistrates' Court Sentencing Powers) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/149), regs. 1(2), 2(1), **Sch. Pt. 1** table

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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. 75(6) inserted by [2022 c. 35 Sch. 4 para. 3\(2\)](#)
- s. 76(2B) inserted by [2010 c. 26 Sch. 3 para. 14](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 3 Pt. 2 repealed (4.9.2013) without ever being in force by [2013 c. 22](#), s. 17(4) ; S.I. 2013/2200 art. 2(a))
- s. 81(6) inserted by [2022 c. 35 Sch. 4 para. 3\(3\)](#)
- s. 85EA(5) words substituted by [2022 c. 32 Sch. 11 para. 29](#)
- Sch. 5 para. 13(1)(ca) inserted by [2013 c. 22 s. 26\(3\)](#)

**Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Courts Act 2003**

Commencement Orders bringing provisions within this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2005/547 art. 2](#) commences ([2003 c. 39](#))