



Deregulation Act 2015

2015 CHAPTER 20

Administration of justice

81 Criminal procedure: written guilty pleas

- (1) Section 12 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (non-appearance of accused: plea of guilty) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (7), after “shall” insert “, subject to rules of court made under subsection (7ZA),”.
- (3) After subsection (7) insert—

“(7ZA) Rules of court may—

 - (a) specify which of paragraphs (a) to (d) of subsection (7) (if any) are to apply;
 - (b) provide that any such paragraph is to apply only in circumstances specified in the rules.

(7B) Where rules of court are made under subsection (7ZA), subsection (7) applies only to the extent provided for by the rules.”

Commencement Information

II S. 81 in force at 26.5.2015 by S.I. 2015/994, art. 6(n)

Changes to legislation:

Deregulation Act 2015, Section 81 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 14 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2015/994 art. 13 Sch. by [S.I. 2015/1405 art. 2\(3\)](#)

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. 110A inserted by [2016 c. 12 s. 16\(1\)](#)