

SERIOUS CRIME ACT 2015

COMMENCEMENT

This table sets out the commencement dates of the provisions of the Act

Section	Provision	Commencement date
Part 1: Proceeds of crime		
Chapter 1: England and Wales		
1	Determination of extent of defendant's interest in property	1 June 2015
2	Provision of information	1 June 2015
3	Appeals	1 June 2015
4	Enforcement receivers	1 June 2015
5	Time for payment	1 June 2015
6	Confiscation and victim surcharge orders	1 June 2015
7	Orders for securing compliance with confiscation order	1 June 2015
8	Variation or discharge	1 June 2015
9	Absconding defendants	1 June 2015
10	Default sentences	1 June 2015
11	Conditions for exercise of restraint order powers	1 June 2015
12	Continuation of restraint order after quashed conviction	1 June 2015
13	Conditions for exercise of search and seizure powers	1 March 2016
14	Seized money etc	1 June 2015
Chapter 2: Scotland		
15	Restitution order and victim surcharge	To be determined
16	Orders for securing compliance with confiscation order	1 March 2016
17	Compliance orders: appeals by prosecutor	1 March 2016
18	Accused persons unlawfully at large	1 March 2016
19	Enforcement of confiscation orders	1 March 2016
20	Conditions for exercise of restraint order powers	1 March 2016
21	Continuation of restraint order after conviction quashed or verdict set aside	1 March 2016
22	Conditions for exercise of search and seizure powers	1 March 2016
23	Prohibitory property orders: PPO receivers	1 March 2016
Chapter 3: Northern Ireland		
24	Determination of extent of defendant's interest in property	1 June 2015
25	Provision of information	1 June 2015

26	Appeals	1 June 2015
27	Enforcement receivers	1 June 2015
28	Time for payment	1 June 2015
29	Orders for securing compliance with confiscation order	1 June 2015
30	Variation or discharge	1 June 2015
31	Absconding defendants	1 June 2015
32	Default sentences	1 June 2015
33	Conditions for exercise of restraint order powers	1 June 2015
34	Continuation of restraint order after quashed conviction	1 June 2015
35	Conditions for exercise of search and seizure powers	1 June 2015
36	Seized money etc	1 June 2015
Chapter 4: Disclosures, investigations, co-operation and enforcement		
37	Exemption from civil liability for money-laundering disclosures	1 June 2015
38(1) and (2)	Confiscation investigations	1 March 2016
38(3)	Confiscation investigations	1 March 2016
39	External orders and investigations: meaning of "obtaining property"	1 June 2015
40	Confiscation orders by magistrates' courts	1 June 2015
Part 2: Computer misuse		
41	Unauthorised acts causing, or creating risk of, serious damage	3 May 2015
42	Obtaining articles for purposes relating to computer misuse	3 May 2015
43	Territorial scope of computer misuse offence	3 May 2015
44	Savings	3 May 2015
Part 3: Organised, serious and gang-related crime		
45	Offence of participating in activities of organised crime group	3 May 2015
46	Extension of Part 1 of Serious Crime Act 2007 to Scotland	1 March 2016
47	Serious crime prevention orders: meaning of "serious offence"	3 May 2015
48	Powers of Crown Court to replace orders on breach	3 May 2015
49	Extension of order where person charged	3 May 2015
50	Serious crime prevention orders and financial reporting etc	Subsections (1)(a) and (c) and (2) - 3 May 2015 Subsection (1)(b) - 1 March 2015
51	Injunctions to prevent gang-related violence and drug-dealing activity	1 June 2015

Part 4: Seizure and forfeiture of drug-cutting agents		
52-65	Seizure and forfeiture of drug-cutting agents	3 May 2015
Part 5: Protection of children and others		
66	Child cruelty offence	3 May 2015
67	Sexual communication with a child	To be determined
68	Child sexual exploitation	3 May 2015
69	Possession of paedophile manuals	3 May 2015
70	Offence of female genital mutilation: extra-territorial acts	3 May 2015
71	Anonymity for victims of female genital mutilation	3 May 2015
72	Offence of failing to protect girl from risk of genital mutilation	3 May 2015
73	Female genital mutilation protection orders	17 July 2015
74	Duty to notify police of female genital mutilation	31 October 2015
75	Guidance about female genital mutilation	31 October 2015
76	Controlling or coercive behaviour in an intimate or family relationship	29 December 2015
77	Guidance about investigation of offences under section 76	29 December 2015
Part 6: Miscellaneous and general		
78	Knives and offensive weapons in prisons	1 June 2015
79	Throwing articles into prisons	10 November 2015
80	Prevention or restriction of use of communication devices by prisoners etc	3 March 2015
81	Preparation or training abroad for terrorism	3 March 2015
82	Approval of draft decisions under Article 352 of TFEU relating to serious crime	3 March 2015
83	Codes of practice about investigatory powers: journalistic sources	3 March 2015
84	Termination of pregnancy on grounds of sex of foetus	3 May 2015
85(1)	Minor and consequential amendments	3 March 2015 (in part) 3 May 2015 (in part) 1 June 2015 (in part) 17 July 2015 (in part) 31 October 2015 (in part) 1 March 2016 (in part)
85(2) to (7)	Minor and consequential amendments	3 March 2015
86	Transitional and saving provisions	3 March 2015
87	Extent	3 March 2015

88	Commencement	3 March 2015
89	Short title	3 March 2015

Schedules

Schedule	Provision	Commencement date
1	Amendments to Serious Crime Act 2007: Scotland	1 March 2016
2	Execution of search and seizure warrants	3 May 2015
3	Paedophile manuals: providers of information society services	3 May 2015
4, paragraph 73	Minor and consequential amendments	3 March 2015
4, paragraphs 1; 2; 7-12; 18; 58; 62; 64; 65; 66; 68(1) and (3)-(5); 69; 70(1), (3) and (4); 72; 73(1) and (5); 75; 76-82; 90	Minor and consequential amendments	3 May 2015
4, paragraphs 3; 4; 6; 19-34; 46-54; 56; 57; 59; 61; 67; 83-86; 87(1), (3) and (4); 89	Minor and consequential amendments	1 June 2015
4, paragraphs 5, 13, 17, 87(2) and 88	Minor and consequential amendments	17 July 2015
4, paragraph 60	Minor and consequential amendments	31 October 2015
4, paragraphs 14, 15, 16, 35, 42, 43, 45, 55, 71 and 73	Minor and consequential amendments	1 March 2016

Commencement Regulations:

The Serious Crime Act 2015 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/820)

The Serious Crime (2015 Act) (Commencement) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 (NI SI2015/190)

The Serious Crime Act 2015 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/1428)

The Serious Crime Act 2015 (Commencement No. 3) Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/1809)

The Serious Crime Act 2015 (Commencement No. 4) Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/1976)

The Serious Crime Act 2015 (Commencement No. 1 and Saving Provision) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI2016/11)

The Serious Crime Act 2015 (Commencement No. 5 and Transitional Provisions and Savings) Regulations 2016 (SI 2016/148)