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PRISON RULES

RULES, DATED 20TH AUGUST 1969, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 13 OF THE PRISON ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1953.

The Ministry of Home Affairs in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 13 of the Prison Act (Northern Ireland) 1953(a), and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Rules:—

Citation

1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Prison (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1969.

(2) The expression "the Principal Rules" means the Prison Rules (Northern Ireland) 1954(b).

Amendment of the Principal Rules

2. For Rule 25 of the Principal Rules there shall be substituted the following Rule:—

"Remission

Conditions of remitting sentence.

25.—(1) A prisoner serving a sentence of imprisonment for an actual term of more than one month may, on the ground of his industry and good conduct, be granted remission in accordance with the provisions of this Rule:

Provided that this Rule shall not permit the reduction of the actual term to less than 31 days.

(2) The remission granted shall not exceed one-third of the total of the actual term and any period spent in custody by the prisoner after his conviction awaiting sentence which is taken into account under section 26 of the Treatment of Offenders Act (Northern Ireland) 1968(c) (which relates to the duration of sentences of imprisonment).

(3) For the purpose of this Rule—

(*a*) a person committed to prison in default of a payment of a sum adjudged to be paid by a conviction shall be treated as serving a sentence of imprisonment; and

(*b*) consecutive terms of imprisonment shall be treated as one term.

(4) This Rule shall have effect subject to any disciplinary award of forfeiture of remission and shall not apply to a prisoner serving a sentence of imprisonment for life or to any prisoner who, having been released on licence, has been recalled to prison.

(a) 1953. c. 18. (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1954, No. 7.
(c) 1968. c. 29 (N.I.).