

Supreme and District Courts Criminal Directions Benchbook

Update Notes – 17 February 2025

- 1. Chapter 17 – Dismissal During the Trial of Some Charges Against Single Defendant**
 - Replace entire chapter 17 with attached updated chapter 17.
- 2. Chapter 18 – Discharge of Defence Counsel During Trial**
 - Replace entire chapter 18 with attached updated chapter 18.
- 3. Chapter 41 – Alibi**
 - Replace entire chapter 41 with attached updated chapter 41.
- 4. Chapter 43 – Bad Character/Previous Convictions**
 - Replace entire chapter 43 with attached updated chapter 43.
- 5. Chapter 45 – Absence of Complainant’s Motive to Lie**
 - Replace entire chapter 45 with attached updated chapter 45.
- 6. Chapter 50A – Defendant’s silence as an admission (other than the exercise of a right to silence during a police interview, or in the face of an accusation made by a person in authority)**
 - Replace entire chapter 50A with attached updated chapter 50A.
- 7. Chapter 66A – Jury Directions related to sexual offences**
 - Replace entire chapter 66A with attached updated chapter 66A.
- 8. Chapter 80 – Mistake of Fact in Sexual Offences – offending on or before 23 September 2024**
 - Replace entire chapter 80 with attached updated chapter 80.
- 9. Chapter 88 – Defence of a Dwelling House: s 267**
 - Replace entire chapter 88 with attached updated chapter 88.
- 10. Chapter 136 – False Verified Statement: s 193**
 - Replace entire chapter 136 with attached updated chapter 136.
- 11. Chapter 171 – Recent Possession**
 - Replace entire chapter 171 with attached updated chapter 171.