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An Ordinance to amend the Juvenile Offenders Ordinance.

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**ADMINISTRATOR**

*27 November 2023*

**BE** it enacted by the Administrator of the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia as follows:—

**Short title and commencement**

- 1.—(1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Juvenile Offenders (Amendment) Ordinance 2023.
- (2) This Ordinance comes into force on 31 December 2023.

**Amendment of section 2 of the Juvenile Offenders Ordinance (interpretation)**

2. In section 2 of the Juvenile Offenders Ordinance(a), for the definition of “young person” substitute—

““young person” means a natural person who has reached the age of fourteen or more, but is under the age of eighteen;”.

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(a) Cap. 157, Statute Laws of Cyprus (1959 ed.). Legislation of the former colony of Cyprus has effect in the Areas by virtue of article 5 of the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia Order in Council 1960 (UK S.I. 1960/1369). Schedule 2 to the Interpretation Ordinance 2012 (Ordinance 08/2012) provides for the interpretation of such legislation.

**Repeal of section 4A of the Juvenile Offenders Ordinance (assessors may advise Judge in trials of juveniles)**

3. In the Juvenile Offenders Ordinance, omit section 4A(a).

**Consequential amendments, repeals and revocations**

4.—(1) In the Juvenile Offenders Ordinance—

- (a) in section 5, for “sixteen”, in each place it occurs, substitute “eighteen”;
- (b) in section 6(1), for “sixteen” substitute “eighteen”;
- (c) in section 14, for “sixteen”, in each place it occurs, substitute “eighteen”;
- (d) in section 17, for “sixteen” substitute “eighteen”;
- (e) in section 18, for “sixteen” substitute “eighteen”.

(2) In the Juvenile Offenders (Amendment) Ordinance 1962(b), omit section 3.

(3) The Juvenile Offenders (Amendment) Ordinance 1969(c) is repealed.

(4) The Administrator’s delegation of authority(d) to the Chief Officer to appoint Juvenile Court Assessors under section 4A of the Juvenile Offenders Ordinance is revoked.

(5) All appointments of Juvenile Court Assessors under section 4A of the Juvenile Offenders Ordinance, not previously revoked, are revoked.

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(a) Section 4A of the Juvenile Offenders Ordinance was inserted by section 3 of the Juvenile Offenders (Amendment) Ordinance 1962 and amended by section 2 of the Juvenile Offenders (Amendment) Ordinance 1969.  
(b) Ordinance 03/1962.  
(c) Ordinance 02/1969.  
(d) P.I. 30/1965.

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Ordinance)*

**1.** This explanatory note relates to the Juvenile Offenders (Amendment) Ordinance 2023 (“the Ordinance”). It has been prepared by the Office of the Attorney General and Legal Adviser in order to assist the reader of the Ordinance. It does not form part of the Ordinance.

**2.** This note should be read in conjunction with the Ordinance. It is not, and is not meant to be, a comprehensive description of the Ordinance.

**3.** The Ordinance changes the definition of “young person” in the Juvenile Offenders Ordinance (Cap. 157) to include 16- and 17-year-olds, and makes related consequential amendments.

**4.** The Ordinance also deletes section 4A of the Juvenile Offenders Ordinance, which required Juvenile Court Assessors to sit with and advise the Judge on criminal cases for children and young people; consequentially repeals related provisions in the Juvenile Offenders (Amendment) Ordinances 1962 (03/1962) and 1969 (02/1969); revokes the Administrator’s delegation of authority to the Chief Officer to make appointments of Juvenile Court Assessors; and revokes any outstanding such appointments.

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