
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1978 No. 1045

Matrimonial Causes (Northern Ireland) Order 1978

PART V

MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTAL

Matrimonial relief in respect of polygamous marriages

50.—(1) A court shall not be precluded from granting matrimonial relief by reason only that^[F1] either party to the marriage is, or has during the subsistence of the marriage been, married to more than one person].

(2) In this Article “matrimonial relief” means—

- (a) any decree under Part II;
- (b) a financial provision order under Article 29;
- (c) an order under Article 37 altering a maintenance agreement;
- (d) an order under any provision of this Order which confers a power exercisable in connection with, or in connection with proceedings for, any such decree or order as is mentioned in sub-paragraphs (a) to (c);

^[F2](dd) an order under Part IV of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings (Northern Ireland) Order 1989;]

^[F3](e) an order under the Domestic Proceedings (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 .]

^[F1](3) Provision may be made by rules of court—

- (a) for requiring notice of proceedings brought by virtue of this Article to be served on any additional spouse of a party to the marriage in question; and
- (b) for conferring on any such additional spouse the right to be heard in the proceedings,

in such cases as may be specified in the rules.]

F1	1995 NI 20
F2	1989 NI 4
F3	1980 NI 5

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Matrimonial Causes (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, Section 50.