

1978 No. 396 (C. 22)

**MATRIMONIAL CAUSES****Matrimonial Causes (1978 Order) (Commencement No. 2) Order  
(Northern Ireland) 1978***Made* . . . . . 18th December 1978*Coming into operation* . . . . . 15th January 1979

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by Article 1(2) of the Matrimonial Causes (Northern Ireland) Order 1978(a) I hereby make the following Order:—

*Citation and commencement*

1. This Order may be cited as the Matrimonial Causes (1978 Order) (Commencement No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1978 and shall come into operation on 15th January 1979.

*Appointed day*

2. The following provisions of the Order shall come into operation on 15th January 1979:—

Article 1 (Title)

Article 2 (Interpretation)

Article 4(7) (Rules of Court about respondent's consent under Article 3(2)(d))

Article 9 (Rules of Court to allow consideration by the court of certain agreements or arrangements)

Article 28(2) (Rules of Court for proceedings for ancillary relief etc.)

Article 43 (Rules of Court for reference for conciliation and report on children)

Article 48 (Rules of Court for hearing and determining matrimonial causes)

Article 53(2) and (4) (Rules of Court with respect to parties to proceedings)

Article 54 (Rules of Court by the Northern Ireland Matrimonial Causes Rules Committee)

Schedule 2 (Composition of the Committee)

Schedule 3, Part I, paragraphs 15 and 16 (transitional provisions and savings).

Dated this 18th day of December 1978.

*Roy Mason*  
One of Her Majesty's Principal  
Secretaries of State

EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)*

This Order brings into operation on 15th January 1979 certain of the provisions of the Matrimonial Causes (Northern Ireland) Order 1978.

The provisions brought into operation are those which enable the Northern Ireland Matrimonial Causes Rules Committee to be constituted and, with the concurrence of the Lord Chancellor, to make rules of court for the purposes set out in the Order.