



Administration of Justice Act 1970

1970 CHAPTER 31

An Act to make further provision about the courts (including assizes), their business, jurisdiction and procedure; to enable a High Court judge to accept appointment as arbitrator or umpire under an arbitration agreement; to amend the law respecting the enforcement of debt and other liabilities; to amend section 106 of the Rent Act 1968; and for miscellaneous purposes connected with the administration of justice.

[29th May 1970]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** By [Criminal Justice Act 1991 \(c. 53, SIF 39:1\)](#), s. 101(1), [Sch. 12 para.23](#); S.I. 1991/2208, art. 2(1), [Sch.1](#) it is provided (14.10.1991) that in relation to any time before the commencement of s. 70 of that 1991 Act (which came into force on 1.10.1992 by [S.I. 1992/333, art. 2\(2\)](#), [Sch. 2](#)) references in any enactment amended by that 1991 Act, to youth courts shall be construed as references to juvenile courts.
- C2** [Act applied \(with modifications\) \(31.12.2020\) by The International Recovery of Maintenance \(Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance 2007\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1125\), regs. 1, 8; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

Commencement Information

- I1** Act not in force at Royal Assent see [s. 54\(4\)](#); Act wholly in force 1.10.1971

Changes to legislation:

Administration of Justice Act 1970, Introductory Text is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 14 June 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2018/1125 reg. 8](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2018/1125, reg. 8 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Act 2020 (c. 24), s. 4(3), Sch. 5 para. 4(4))