



# Matrimonial Causes Act 1973

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An Act to consolidate certain enactments relating to matrimonial proceedings, maintenance agreements, and declarations of legitimacy, validity of marriage and British nationality, with amendments to give effect to recommendations of the Law Commission. [23rd May 1973]

## Textual Amendments

- F1** Act: for the words "Supreme Court Act 1981" wherever they occur there is substituted (prosp.) the words "Senior Courts Act 1981" by virtue of [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\), ss. 59, 148\(1\), Sch. 11 para. 1\(2\)](#) [Editorial Note: this amendment will be carried through into the text of the Act at the same time as any other effects on the Act for the year in which the relevant commencement order (or first such order) is made]

## Commencement Information

- I1** Act not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 55(2); Act wholly in force at 1.1.1974

**Changes to legislation:**

Matrimonial Causes Act 1973, Introductory Text is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 24 May 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:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 25B(2)(c) added by [1996 c. 27 s. 16\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 16 repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being in force by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(1))
- s. 25B(8)(9) added by [1996 c. 27 s. 16\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 16 repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being in force by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(1))