



# Child Abduction and Custody Act 1985

## 1985 CHAPTER 60

### PART I

#### INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTION

#### 4 Judicial authorities.

The courts having jurisdiction to entertain applications under the Convention shall be—

- (a) in England and Wales or in Northern Ireland the High Court; and
- (b) in Scotland the Court of Session.

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 4 applied (with modifications) (1.3.1997) by S.I. 1996/3156, art. 2, Sch.  
S. 4 applied (with modifications) (2.12.1997) by S.I. 1997/2574, art. 2, Sch.

**Changes to legislation:**

Child Abduction and Custody Act 1985, Section 4 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 18 March 2024. 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):

- Sch. 3 para. 8(ba) inserted by [2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 3\(a\)](#)