



Law Reform (Parent and Child) (Scotland) Act 1986

1986 CHAPTER 9

8 Interpretation.

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the following meanings respectively assigned to them—

“action for declarator” includes an application for declarator contained in other proceedings;

“child”, except where used to express a relationship, means—

- (a) in relation to [^{F1}guardianship,] custody or access, a child under the age of 16 years;
- ^{F2}(b)
- ^{F2}(c)
- (d) in relation to parental rights other than [^{F3}guardianship, custody or access], a child under the age of 18 years;

“the court” means the Court of Session or the sheriff;

^{F4} . . .

“deed” means any disposition, contract, instrument or writing whether inter vivos or mortis causa;

“non-parentage” means that a person is not or was not the parent, or is not or was not the child, of another person;

“parent” includes natural parent;

“parentage” means that a person is or was the parent, or is or was the child, of another person;

“parental rights” means [^{F5}guardianship], custody or access, as the case may require, and any right or authority relating to the welfare or upbringing of a child conferred on a parent by any rule of law;

^{F6} . . .

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 8 paragraph (a), of definition of "child" inserted by Age of Legal Capacity (Scotland) Act 1991 (c. 50, SIF 49:8), s. 10(1), **Sch. 1 para.43** (with s. 1(3)).
- F2** S. 8 paragraphs (b) and (c) of definition of "child" repealed by Age of Legal Capacity (Scotland) Act 1991 (c. 50, SIF 49:8), s. 10(2), **Sch.2** (with s. 1(3)).
- F3** Words in s. 8 paragraph (d), of definition of "child" substituted by Age of Legal Capacity (Scotland) Act 1991 (c. 50, SIF 49:8), s. 10(1), **Sch. 1 para.43** (with s. 1(3)).
- F4** S. 8: definition of "curator" repealed by Age of Legal Capacity (Scotland) Act 1991 (c. 50, SIF 49:8), s. 10(2), **Sch. 2** (with s. 1(3)).
- F5** Words in s. 8 definition of "parental rights" substituted by Age of Legal Capacity (Scotland) Act 1991 (c. 50, SIF 49:8), s. 10(1), **Sch. 1 para.43** (with s. 1(3)).
- F6** S. 8: definition of "tutor" repealed by Age of Legal Capacity (Scotland) Act 1991 (c. 50, SIF 49:8), s. 10(2), **Sch.2** (with s. 1(3)).

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 8: definition of "parental rights" applied by Age of Legal Capacity (Scotland) Act 1991 (c. 50, SIF 49:8), **s.9** (with s. 1(3)).

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