Child Support Act 1991

1991 CHAPTER 48

Miscellaneous and supplemental

54 Interpretation

In this Act—

"absent parent", has the meaning given in section 3(2);

"adjudication officer" has the same meaning as in the benefit Acts;

"assessable income" has the meaning given in paragraph 5 of Schedule 1;

"benefit Acts" means the Social Security Acts 1975 to 1991;

"Chief Adjudication Officer" has the same meaning as in the benefit Acts;

"Chief Child Support Officer" has the meaning given in section 13;

"child benefit" has the same meaning as in the Child Benefit Act 1975;

"child support appeal tribunal" means a tribunal appointed under section 21;

"child support maintenance" has the meaning given in section 3(6);

"child support officer" has the meaning given in section 13;

"deduction from earnings order" has the meaning given in section 31(2);

"disability living allowance" has the same meaning as in the Social Security Act 1975;

"family credit" has the same meaning as in the benefit Acts;

"general qualification" shall be construed in accordance with section 71 of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (qualification for judicial appointments);

"income support" has the same meaning as in the benefit Acts;

"interim maintenance assessment" has the meaning given in section 12;

"liability order" has the meaning given in section 33(2);

"maintenance agreement" has the meaning given in section 9(1);

"maintenance assessment" means an assessment of maintenance made under this Act and, except in prescribed circumstances, includes an interim maintenance assessment;

"maintenance order" has the meaning given in section 8(11);

"maintenance requirement" means the amount calculated in accordance with paragraph 1 of Schedule 1;

"parent", in relation to any child, means any person who is in law the mother or father of the child;

"parental responsibility" has the same meaning as in the Children Act 1989;

"parental rights" has the same meaning as in the Law Reform (Parent and Child) (Scotland) Act 1986;

"person with care" has the meaning given in section 3(3);

"prescribed" means prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State;

"qualifying child" has the meaning given in section 3(1);