



# Equality Act 2010

## 2010 CHAPTER 15

PROSPECTIVE

### PART 15

#### FAMILY PROPERTY

#### **198 Abolition of husband's duty to maintain wife**

The rule of common law that a husband must maintain his wife is abolished.

#### **199 Abolition of presumption of advancement**

- (1) The presumption of advancement (by which, for example, a husband is presumed to be making a gift to his wife if he transfers property to her, or purchases property in her name) is abolished.
- (2) The abolition by subsection (1) of the presumption of advancement does not have effect in relation to—
  - (a) anything done before the commencement of this section, or
  - (b) anything done pursuant to any obligation incurred before the commencement of this section.

#### **200 Amendment of Married Women's Property Act 1964**

- (1) In section 1 of the Married Women's Property Act 1964 (money and property derived from housekeeping allowance made by husband to be treated as belonging to husband and wife in equal shares)—
  - (a) for “the husband for” substitute “ either of them for ”, and
  - (b) for “the husband and the wife” substitute “ them ”.
- (2) Accordingly, that Act may be cited as the Matrimonial Property Act 1964.

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- (3) The amendments made by this section do not have effect in relation to any allowance made before the commencement of this section.

## **201 Civil partners: housekeeping allowance**

- (1) After section 70 of the Civil Partnership Act 2004 insert—

### **“70A Money and property derived from housekeeping allowance**

Section 1 of the Matrimonial Property Act 1964 (money and property derived from housekeeping allowance to be treated as belonging to husband and wife in equal shares) applies in relation to—

- (a) money derived from any allowance made by a civil partner for the expenses of the civil partnership home or for similar purposes, and
- (b) any property acquired out of such money,

as it applies in relation to money derived from any allowance made by a husband or wife for the expenses of the matrimonial home or for similar purposes, and any property acquired out of such money.”

- (2) The amendment made by this section does not have effect in relation to any allowance made before the commencement of this section.

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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. 40A inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 1](#)
- s. 120(9) inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 2\(b\)](#)
- s. 124A inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 3](#)