

1969 No. 1607 (C.49)

**SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE, ENGLAND**  
**MENTAL HEALTH**

**The Administration of Justice Act 1969 (Commencement No. 1)**  
**Order 1969**

*Made* - - - 14th November 1969

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the power conferred on him by section 36(5) of the Administration of Justice Act 1969(a), hereby makes the following Order :—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Administration of Justice Act 1969 (Commencement No. 1) Order 1969.

(2) In this Order, “the Act” means the Administration of Justice Act 1969.

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) applies to this Order as it applies to an Act of Parliament.

2. The provisions of the Act specified in Schedule 1 to this Order shall come into operation on 1st December 1969.

3. The provisions of the Act specified in Schedule 2 to this Order shall come into operation on 1st January 1970.

Dated 14th November 1969.

*Gardiner, C.*

**SCHEDULE 1**

**PROVISIONS COMING INTO OPERATION ON 1ST DECEMBER 1969**

Provisions of the Act	Subject matter of provisions
Section 6	General ancillary jurisdiction of county court.
Section 7	Right of audience.
Section 8	Assessors.
Section 9, except subsection (1)	County court rules.
Section 11	Miscellaneous amendments of County Courts Act 1959(e).
Part III (Sections 17-19)	Power to make wills and codicils for mentally disordered persons.
Section 23	Power of Lord Chancellor to assign any particular jurisdiction of the High Court to two or more Divisions concurrently.
Section 24	Appeal Tribunals under Patents Act 1949(d) and Registered Designs Act 1949(e).

(a) 1969 c. 58. (b) 1889 c. 63. (c) 1959 c. 22. (d) 1949 c. 87. (e) 1949 c. 88.

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Provisions of the Act	Subject matter of provisions
Section 25	Clerks to registrars of Chancery Division.
Section 26	Provisions as to other employments in Supreme Court.
Section 29	Reduction of period of apprenticeship for public notaries in London.
Section 31	Further provisions as to pension rights and related matters.
Section 32	Transfer of liability for stipend and fees of Chancellor of County Palatine of Durham.
Section 33	Extension of legislative power of Parliament of Northern Ireland with respect to grand juries and indictments.
Section 34	Interpretation, application to Crown, and provisions as to orders.
Section 35 (except as provided below with regard to Schedules 1 and 2 to the Act)	Minor and consequential amendments and repeals.
Section 36	Short title, extent and commencement.
Schedule 1, except so far as it relates to the Settled Land Act 1925(a), the Solicitors Act 1957(b), the County Courts Act 1959, and the Northern Ireland Act 1962(c).	Enactments amended.
Schedule 2, except so far as it relates to the Probates and Letters of Administration (Ireland) Act 1857(d), section 153 of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act 1925(e), section 47 of the County Courts Act 1959, the Northern Ireland Act 1962 and the County Courts Jurisdiction Order 1965(f).	Repeals.

(a) 1925 c. 18.  
(d) 1857 c. 79.

(b) 1957 c. 27.  
(e) 1925 c. 49.

(c) 1962 c. 30.  
(f) S.I. 1965/2141 (1965 III, p. 6290).

## SCHEDULE 2

## PROVISIONS COMING INTO OPERATION ON 1ST JANUARY 1970

Provisions of the Act	Subject matter of provisions
Part II (Sections 12-16)	Appeals from High Court to House of Lords.
Section 20	Orders for interim payment.
Section 21	Powers of court exercisable before commencement of action.
Section 22	Interest on damages.
Section 27	Records of grants of probate and grants of administration.
Section 28	Second and subsequent grants of probate and administration.
Section 30	Superannuation benefits in respect of certain judicial offices.
Section 35 (to the extent provided below with regard to Schedules 1 and 2 to the Act).	Minor and consequential amendments and repeals.
Schedule 1, so far as it relates to the Northern Ireland Act 1962.	Enactments amended.
Schedule 2, so far as it relates to the Probates and Letters of Administration (Ireland) Act 1857, section 153 of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act 1925 and the Northern Ireland Act 1962.	Repeals.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order brings most of the provisions of the Administration of Justice Act 1969 into operation on either 1st December 1969 or 1st January 1970. The only provisions not brought into operation are sections 1 to 5, 9(1) and 10 (which amend the law relating to the jurisdiction of the county court), and the amendments and repeals consequential upon those sections.