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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1994 No. 3157**

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS**

The Parental Responsibility Agreement  
(Amendment) Regulations 1994

*Made* - - - - *8th December 1994*  
*Laid before Parliament* *12th December 1994*  
*Coming into force* - - *3rd January 1995*

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 4(2) and 104 of the Children Act 1989(1) hereby makes the following Regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Parental Responsibility Agreement (Amendment) Regulations 1994 and shall come into force on 3rd January 1995.
2. The form set out in the Schedule to the Parental Responsibility Agreement Regulations 1991(2) shall be replaced by the form set out in the Schedule to these Regulations.

Dated 8th December 1994

*Mackay of Clashfern*

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(1) 1989 c. 41.  
(2) S.I.1991/1478.

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SCHEDULE

Regulation 2

Parental Responsibility Agreement

Section 4(1)(b) Children Act 1989

Read the notes on the other side before you make this agreement.

Keep this form in a safe place Date recorded at The Principal Registry of the Family Division

This is a Parental Responsibility Agreement regarding

the Child Name

Boy or Girl Date of birth Date of 18th birthday

Between

the Mother Name

Address

and the Father Name

Address

We declare that we are the mother and father of the above child and we agree that the child's father shall have parental responsibility for the child (in addition to the mother having parental responsibility).

Signed (Mother)

Signed (Father)

Date

Date

Certificate of Witness

The following evidence of identity was produced by the person signing above:

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Signed in the presence of: Name of Witness

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Address

Address

Signature of Witness

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[A Justice of the Peace] [Justices' Clerk] [An Officer of the Court authorised by the judge to administer oaths]

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### **Notes about the Parental Responsibility Agreement**

*Read these notes before you make the agreement.*

#### **About the Parental Responsibility Agreement**

The making of this agreement will affect the legal position of the mother and the father. You should both seek legal advice before you make the Agreement. You can obtain the name and address of a solicitor from the Children Panel (071-242 1222) or from

- your local family proceedings court, or county court
- a Citizens Advice Bureau
- a Law Centre
- a local library.

You may be eligible for legal aid.

#### **When you fill in the Agreement**

Please use black ink (the Agreement will be copied). Put the name of one child only. If the father is to have parental responsibility for more than one child, fill in a separate form for each child. **Do not sign the Agreement.**

#### **When you have filled in the Agreement**

Take it to a local family proceedings court, or county court, or the Principal Registry of the Family Division (the address is below).

A justice of the peace, a justices' clerk, or a court official who is authorised by the judge to administer oaths, will witness your signature and he or she will sign the certificate of the witness.

- To the mother:** When you make the declaration you will have to prove that you are the child's mother so take to the court the child's full birth certificate.  
You will also need evidence of your identity showing a photograph and signature (for example, a photocard, official pass or passport).
- To the father:** You will need evidence of your identity showing a photograph and signature (for example, a photocard, official pass or passport).

#### **When the Certificate has been signed and witnessed**

Make 2 copies of the other side of this form. You do not need to copy these notes.

Take, or send, this form and the copies to The Principal Registry of the Family Division, Somerset House, Strand, London WC2R 1LP.

The Registry will record the Agreement and keep this form. The copies will be stamped and sent back to each parent at the address on the Agreement. The Agreement will not take effect until it has been received and recorded at the Principal Registry of the Family Division.

#### **Ending the Agreement**

- Once a parental responsibility agreement has been made it can only end
- by an order of the court made on the application of any person who has parental responsibility for the child
  - by an order of the court made on the application of the child with leave of the court
  - when the child reaches the age of 18.

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the Parental Responsibility Agreement Regulations 1991 by prescribing a new form for the recording of an agreement between the parents of a child that the father is to have parental responsibility for the child within the meaning of section 3 of the Children Act 1989. The layout and content of the form have been improved to make it easier to understand and complete.