
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2010 No. 2955 (L. 17)

**FAMILY PROCEEDINGS
SENIOR COURTS OF ENGLAND AND WALES
COUNTY COURTS, ENGLAND AND WALES
MAGISTRATES' COURTS,
ENGLAND AND WALES**

The Family Procedure Rules 2010

Made - - - - *13th December 2010*

Laid before Parliament *17th December 2010*

Coming into force - - *6th April 2011*

The Family Procedure Rule Committee makes the following rules in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 75 and 76 of the Courts Act 2003(1), section 18(1) of the Maintenance Orders (Reciprocal Enforcement) Act 1972(2), sections 12 and 48 of the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982(3), sections 10 and 24 of the Child Abduction and Custody Act 1985(4), section 97(1) of the Children Act 1989(5), section 54(1) of the Access to Justice Act 1999(6), sections 52(7), 102, 109(2) and 141(1) and (3) of the Adoption and Children Act 2002(7), after consulting in accordance with section 79 of the Courts Act 2003(8).

These rules may be cited as the Family Procedure Rules 2010 and shall come into force on 6th April 2011.

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- (1) [2003 c.39](#). Section 75 was amended by section 15(1) and 146 of and paragraphs 308 and 338 of Schedule 4 and Part 2 of Schedule 18 to the Constitutional Reform Act [2005 \(c.4\)](#). Section 76 was amended by section 12(2) of and paragraph 29 of Schedule 1 to the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 and section 261(1) of and paragraph 172 of Schedule 27 to the Civil Partnership Act [2004 \(c.33\)](#) and section 62(7) of the Children Act [2004 \(c.31\)](#) and section 25 of and paragraph 14 of Schedule 3 to the Children, Schools and Families Act [2010 \(c.26\)](#).
- (2) [1972 c.18](#). Section 18 was amended by section 109(1) and paragraphs 155(1),(2)(a) and (3) of Schedule 8 to the Courts Act 2003.
- (3) [1982 c.27](#).
- (4) [1985 c.60](#).
- (5) [1989 c.41](#). Section 97(1) was amended by section 109(1) and paragraphs 337(1) and (2) of Schedule 8 to the Courts Act 2003 and by section 101(3) of the Adoption and Children Act [2002 \(c.38\)](#).
- (6) [1999 c.22](#).
- (7) [2002 c.38](#). Section 102 was amended by section 40 of and paragraphs 15, 16(1), (2), (3) and (4) of Schedule 3 to the Children Act 2004. Section 141(1) and (3) were amended by section 109(1) of and paragraph 413(1) and (2) of Schedule 8 to the Courts Act 2003. Sections 102(1) to (4) and (6) to (8) and 141(1) and (3) of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 were applied with modifications for the purposes of parental orders by regulation 2 of and, Schedule 1 to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act (Parental Orders) Regulations 2010 ([S.I.2010/985](#)).
- (8) Section 79 was amended by sections 15(1) and 146 of and paragraphs 308 and 341(1) of Schedule 4 and Part 2 of Schedule 18 to the Constitutional Reform Act 2005.

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