

Matrimonial Causes Act 1973

CHAPTER 18

MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT 1973

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Financial provision in case of neglect to maintain

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General transitional provisions and savings

- Without prejudice to the provisions of sections 16(1) and 17(2)(a)...
- Without prejudice to paragraph 1 above, but subject to paragraph... 2
- Nothing in Part I of this Act shall apply in...
- Notwithstanding any repeal or amendment made by this Act, the...
- 5 Nothing in any repeal made by this Act shall affect...
- Nothing in sections 11 to 14 or 16 of this... 6
- 7 Nothing in section 50(1)(a) or (c) above affects—

Transitional provisions derived from the Act of 1965

- Any agreement between the petitioner and the respondent to live...
- Where the party chargeable under a maintenance agreement within the...
- 10 No right or liability shall attach by virtue of section...
 - Part II Preservation for Limited Purposes of Certain Provisions OF PREVIOUS ENACTMENTS

Nullity

- (1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) below, a marriage...
- 12 Where a decree of nullity was granted on or before...

Succession on intestacy in case of judicial separation

13 Section 18(2) above shall not apply in a case where...

Validation of certain void or voidable decrees

14 Any decree of divorce, nullity of marriage or judicial separation...

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Part III — ASSIMILATION IN CERTAIN RESPECTS TO ORDERS UNDER THIS ACT OF ORDERS MADE, ETC., UNDER THE ACT OF 1965, ETC.

Cesser on remarriage of orders made, etc., under the Act of 1965 and recovery of sums mistakenly paid thereafter

- 15 (1) An order made, or deemed to have been made,...
- 16 Section 38 above shall apply in relation to an order...

Variation, etc., of certain orders made, etc., under the Act of 1965

- 17 (1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, section 31...
- 18 (1) Subsections (1) and (3) of section 31 above shall...
- 19 Section 42(7) above shall apply in relation to an order...

Orders made under the Act of 1965 to count as orders under this Act for certain purposes

- 20 The power of the court under section 23(1) or (2)(a)...
- 21 Where the court has made an order under section 22...

Application of provisions of this Act with respect to enforcement of arrears and recovery of excessive payments to certain orders made, etc., under the Act of 1965

- 22 Section 32 above shall apply in relation to the enforcement,...
- 23 Section 33 above shall apply to an order (other than...

Avoidance under this Act of transactions intended to defeat claims for relief and relief granted under the Act of 1965

24 (1) Section 37 above shall apply in relation to proceedings...

Care and supervision of children

- 25 (1) Sections 43 and 44 above shall apply where the...
- 26 Section 44(4) above shall apply in relation to the jurisdiction...

SCHEDULE 2 — Consequential Amendments

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2	In section 2(1) of the Limitation (Enemies and War Prisoners)
3	(1) In section 16 of the Maintenance Orders Act 1950
4	In section 109(2) of the County Courts Act 1959 (proceedings
5	(1)
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7	(1) In subsection (1) of section 2 of the Domestic
8	In section 7 of the Family Law Reform Act 1969
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10	(1)
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In Schedule 1 to the Attachment of Earnings Act 1971...

SCHEDULE 3 —

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to:

- s. 1-7 repealed by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 10 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Entries in Sch. 10 repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(j))
- s. 8 amended by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 5(a) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 8(1)(b) repealed in part by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 5(b)Sch. 10 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a) (6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 8(2) amended by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 5(c) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 910 repealed by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 10 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Entries in Sch. 10 repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(j))
- s. 15-15B substituted for s. 15 by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 6 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6) (b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 1718 repealed by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 10 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Entries in Sch. 10 repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(j))
- s. 19(4) amended by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 7 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 20 repealed by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 10 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Entries in Sch. 10 repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(j))
- s. 21 substituted for s. 21 21A (with saving) by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 2 para. 2 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 2 repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being in force by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(1))
- s. 22 repealed by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 10 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Entries in Sch. 10 repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(j))
- s. 22A22B added by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 2 para. 3 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 2 repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being in force by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(1))
- s. 23 substituted by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 2 para. 4 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 2 repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being in force by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(1))
- s. 23A added by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 2 para. 5 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 2 repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being in force by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(1))
- s. 23B added by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 2 para. 5 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 2 repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being in force by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(1))
- s. 24 substituted by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 2 para. 6 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 2 repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being in force by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(1))

- s. 24A(1) amended by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 8 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 24A(3) repealed in part by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 10 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Entries in Sch. 10 repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(j))
- s. 24B-24BC substituted for s. 24B by 1996 c. 27, Sch. 2 para. 6A (as inserted) by 1999 c. 30 Sch. 12 para. 65(9) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. 1996 c. 27, Sch. 2 para. 6A repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being in force by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(1))
- s. 25(1)(2) amended by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 9(2)para. 9(3)(a) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a) (6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 25(2)(g) amended by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 9(3)(b) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 25(2)(h) repealed in part by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 9(3)(c)Sch. 10 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2) (e))
- s. 25(3) amended by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 9(4) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 25(4) amended by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 9(5) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 25(5) added by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 9(6) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 25A(1) amended by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 10(2) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 25A(1) amended by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 10(3) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 25A(3)(3A) substituted for s. 25A(3) by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 10(4) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2) (e))
- s. 25B(2) amended by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 11 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
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- s. 25C(1)s. 25C(3)25D(1)(a) amended by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 11 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2) (e))
- s. 25D(2)(a) amended by 1996 c. 27 s. 16(4)(a)(i) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 16 repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being in force by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(1))
- s. 25D(2)(a) amended by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 11 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 25D(2)(c)(e) amended by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 11 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))

- s. 25D(2)(aa) added by 1996 c. 27 s. 16(4)(a)(ii) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 16 repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being in force by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(1))
- s. 25D(4) words added by 1996 c. 27 s. 16(4)(b) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 16 repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being in force by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(1))
- s. 25D(4A) added by 1996 c. 27 s. 16(4)(c) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 16 repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being in force by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(1))
- s. 26(1) amended by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 12 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 27(2) substituted by S.I. 2019/519 Sch. para. 6(2) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2019/519, Sch. para. 6(2) substituted (17.12.2020) by S.I. 2020/1574, regs. 1, 5(3)(b))
- s. 27(2)-(2B) substituted for s. 27(2) by S.I. 2019/519, Sch. para 6(2) (as substituted) by S.I. 2019/1338 reg. 3(3)(b) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)
- s. 27(5)(b) added by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 13(2) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 27(6) substituted by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 13(3) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 27(7) amended by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 13(4) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 28(1) repealed in part by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 10 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Entries in Sch. 10 repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(j))
- s. 28(1)(a)(b) substituted by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 2 para. 7(1) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 2 repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being in force by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(1))
- s. 28(1A) amended by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 14(2) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 28(1B) added by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 14(3) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
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- s. 28(3) amended by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 14(5) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 29(1) amended by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 15 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 29(1A)(1B) added by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 2 para. 7(2) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 2 repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being in force by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(1))
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- s. 30 repealed in part by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 10 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Entries in Sch. 10 repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(j))
- s. 31 extended by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 9 para. 6(1)
- s. 31(2) amended by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 16(2)(a) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 31(2)(a) repealed in part by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 10 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Entries in Sch. 10 repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(j))
- s. 31(2)(d) substituted by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 16(2)(b) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6) (b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 31(2)(e)(ea) substituted for s. 31(2)(e) by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 16(2)(e) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2) (e))
- s. 31(2)(dd) amended by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 16(2)(c) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6) (b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 31(2)(de) added by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 16(2)(d) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 31(4) amended by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 16(3)(a) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 31(4) words substituted by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 16(3)(b) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6) (b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 31(4A)(4B) added by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 16(4) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
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- s. 31(7)-(7F) extended by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 9 para. 6(2)
- s. 31(7)(a) words substituted by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 16(6)(a) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a) (6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 31(7G) amended by 1996 c. 27, Sch. 8 para. 16(9) (as inserted) by 1999 c. 30 Sch.
 para. 66(9) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. 1996 c. 27, Sch. 8 para. 16(9) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 31(7FA) inserted by 1996 c. 27, Sch. 8 para. 16(8) (as inserted) by 1999 c. 30 Sch.
 para. 66(9) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. 1996 c. 27, Sch. 8 para. 16(8) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 31A added by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 2 para. 8 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 2 repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being in force by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(1))
- s. 31B inserted by 1996 c. 27, Sch. 8 para. 16A (as inserted) by 1999 c. 30 Sch. 12 para. 66(10) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. 1996 c. 27, Sch. 8 para. 16(10) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 32(1) amended by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 17 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 33(2) substituted by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 18 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))

- s. 33A(2) amended by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 19(2) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 33A(3) amended by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 19(3) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 35(7) added by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 20 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 37(1) amended by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 21 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 41(1)(2) repealed in part by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 10 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Entries in Sch. 10 repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(j))
- s. 47(2)(a)(d) amended by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 22 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 49 repealed by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 23Sch. 10 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 52(1) amended by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 24(2) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 52(1) words added by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 24(3) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 52(2)(a) amended by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 25 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. 1 (except for Sch. 8 paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(e))
- s. 52(2)(b) repealed in part by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 10 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Entries in Sch. 10 repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(j))
- Sch. 1 para. 8 repealed by 1996 c. 27 Sch. 10 (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Entries in Sch. 10 repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(j))

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. 25B(2)(c) added by 1996 c. 27 s. 16(2) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 16 repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being in force by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(1))
- s. 25B(8)(9) added by 1996 c. 27 s. 16(3) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 16 repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being in force by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(1))