



Defamation Act 2013

2013 CHAPTER 26

Jurisdiction

9 Action against a person not domiciled in the UK^{F1}...

- (1) This section applies to an action for defamation against a person who is not domiciled—
- (a) in the United Kingdom;
 - ^{F2}(b)
 - ^{F3}(c)
- (2) A court does not have jurisdiction to hear and determine an action to which this section applies unless the court is satisfied that, of all the places in which the statement complained of has been published, England and Wales is clearly the most appropriate place in which to bring an action in respect of the statement.
- (3) The references in subsection (2) to the statement complained of include references to any statement which conveys the same, or substantially the same, imputation as the statement complained of.
- [^{F4}(4) Sections 41 and 42 of the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982 apply for the purpose of determining whether an individual, corporation or association is regarded as “domiciled in the United Kingdom” for the purposes of this section.]
- ^{F5}(5)

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 9 heading omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/479), regs. 1(1), **69(2)** (with regs. 92-95) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1493, regs. 1(1), 5(2)-(5)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F2** S. 9(1)(b) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/479), regs. 1(1), **69(3)(a)** (with regs. 92-95) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1493, regs. 1(1), 5(2)-(5)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Defamation Act 2013, Cross Heading: Jurisdiction. (See end of Document for details)

- F3** S. 9(1)(c) and word omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/479\)](#), regs. 1(1), **69(3)(b)** (with regs. 92-95) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1493, regs. 1(1), 5(2)-(5)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F4** S. 9(4) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/479\)](#), regs. 1(1), **69(4)** (with regs. 92-95) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1493, regs. 1(1), 5(2)-(5)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F5** S. 9(5) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/479\)](#), regs. 1(1), **69(5)** (with regs. 92-95) (as amended by S.I. 2020/1493, regs. 1(1), 5(2)-(5)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 9 in force at 1.1.2014 by [S.I. 2013/3027](#), **art. 2**

10 Action against a person who was not the author, editor etc

- (1) A court does not have jurisdiction to hear and determine an action for defamation brought against a person who was not the author, editor or publisher of the statement complained of unless the court is satisfied that it is not reasonably practicable for an action to be brought against the author, editor or publisher.
- (2) In this section “author”, “editor” and “publisher” have the same meaning as in section 1 of the Defamation Act 1996.

Commencement Information

- I2** [S. 10](#) in force at 1.1.2014 by [S.I. 2013/3027](#), **art. 2**

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