



2008 CHAPTER 10

PART 2

CHILD SUPPORT ETC.

Miscellaneous

Meaning of “child”

26 For Article 3 of the Child Support Order substitute—

“Meaning of “child”

3.—(1) In this Order, “child” means (subject to paragraph (2)) a person who—

- (a) has not attained the age of 16, or
- (b) has not attained the age of 20 and satisfies such conditions as may be prescribed.

(2) A person who is or has been party to a marriage or civil partnership is not a child for the purposes of this Order.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (2), “marriage” and “civil partnership” include a void marriage and a void civil partnership respectively.”.

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 26 in operation at 3.12.2012 for specified purposes by S.R. 2012/423, **art. 2(2)(c)**
- I2** S. 26 in operation at 10.12.2012 in so far as not already in operation by S.R. 2012/440, **art. 2(2)(b)** (with art. 4)

Changes to legislation:

Child Maintenance Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, Section 26 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 01 August 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SR 2012/440 art. 3 by [S.R. 2014/194 art. 4](#)
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SR 2013/201 art. 3 by [S.R. 2014/194 art. 5](#)

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):

- Sch. 2 para. 3(3) inserted by [S.I. 2015/2006 \(N.I.\) art. 126\(2\)](#)