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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2022 No. 59 (C. 8)**

**DOMESTIC ABUSE**

The Domestic Abuse and Civil Proceedings  
Act (Northern Ireland) 2021 (Commencement  
No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2022

Made - - - - 22nd February 2022

The Department of Justice, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 40(4) of the Domestic Abuse and Civil Proceedings Act (Northern Ireland) 2021(1), makes the following Order.

**Citation and interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Domestic Abuse and Civil Proceedings Act (Northern Ireland) 2021 (Commencement No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2022.

(2) In this Order “the 2021 Act” means the Domestic Abuse and Civil Proceedings Act (Northern Ireland) 2021.

**Appointed Day**

2. The day appointed for the coming into operation of the following provisions of the 2021 Act is 22 February 2022—

- (a) Section 28 (Eligibility for victims of civil legal aid)

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**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

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Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Justice  
on 22 February 2022



*Naomi Long*  
Minister of Justice

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order brings into operation Section 28 of the Domestic Abuse and Civil Proceedings Act (Northern Ireland) 2021 (c. 2).

This provides for a waiver of the financial eligibility rules that would otherwise apply in determining a person's application for civil legal services to enable them to be represented in proceedings under Article 8 of the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995. These proceedings involve contact, residence, specific issues and prohibited steps orders relating to the care of children by people with parental responsibility for them. The waiver would apply in circumstances where the person is a victim of domestic abuse, and where the person bringing the application against them is their abuser.

## NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDER

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

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. No.</i>
Sections 1 to 27	21st February 2022	2022/57 (C. 7)
Sections 30 to 32	21st February 2022	2022/57 (C. 7)
Sections 34 to 35	21st February 2022	2022/57 (C. 7)

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