



Matrimonial Causes Act 1973

1973 CHAPTER 18

PART I

DIVORCE, NULLITY AND OTHER MATRIMONIAL SUITS

Divorce

[^{F2}3 **Bar on [^{F1}applying for a divorce order] within one year of marriage.**

(1) [^{F3}An application for a divorce order may not be made] before the expiration of the period of one year from the date of the marriage.

^{F4}(2)]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 3 heading substituted (6.4.2022) by [Divorce, Dissolution and Separation Act 2020 \(c. 11\)](#), s. 8(1)(8), [Sch. para. 3\(a\)](#) (with s. 8(4)); S.I. 2022/283, reg. 2
- F2** S. 3 substituted (with saving) by [Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984 \(c. 42, SIF 49:3\)](#), ss. 1, 46(1), 48(2), [Sch. 2](#)
- F3** Words in s. 3(1) substituted (6.4.2022) by [Divorce, Dissolution and Separation Act 2020 \(c. 11\)](#), s. 8(1)(8), [Sch. para. 3\(b\)](#) (with s. 8(4)); S.I. 2022/283, reg. 2
- F4** S. 3(2) omitted (6.4.2022) by virtue of [Divorce, Dissolution and Separation Act 2020 \(c. 11\)](#), s. 8(1)(8), [Sch. para. 3\(c\)](#) (with s. 8(4)); S.I. 2022/283, reg. 2

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973, Section 3.