



# Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984

1984 CHAPTER 42

[<sup>F1</sup>PART 4A

THE FAMILY COURT]

[<sup>F1</sup>31E **Family court has High Court and county court powers**

- (1) In any proceedings in the family court, the court may make any order—
  - (a) which could be made by the High Court if the proceedings were in the High Court, or
  - (b) which could be made by the county court if the proceedings were in the county court.
- (2) In its application to a power of the High Court to issue a writ directed to an enforcement officer, subsection (1)(a) gives the family court power to issue a warrant, directed to an officer of the family court, containing provision corresponding to any that might be contained in the writ.
- (3) Subsection (1) is subject to section 38(3) of the County Courts Act 1984.
- (4) Subsection (1) is without prejudice to, and not limited by, any other powers of the family court.
- (5) The Lord Chancellor may by regulations make provision, about or in connection with the effect or execution of warrants issued by the family court for enforcing any order or judgment enforceable by the court, that corresponds to any provision applying in relation to the effect or execution of writs issued by the High Court, or warrants issued by the county court, for the purpose of enforcing any order or judgment enforceable by that court.]

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### Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 31B-31P inserted (22.4.2014) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), **Sch. 10 para. 1**; S.I. 2014/954, art. 2(d) (with art. 3) (with transitional provisions and savings in S.I. 2014/956, arts. 3-11)

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 31E(1)(b) excluded by [Contempt of Court Act 1981 \(c. 49\)](#), s. 14(4B)(b) (as inserted (22.4.2014) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), **Sch. 10 para. 53**; S.I. 2014/954, art. 2(d) (with art. 3) (with transitional provisions and savings in S.I. 2014/956, arts. 3-11))
- C2** S. 31E(1)(b) excluded by [Debtors Act 1869 \(c. 62\)](#), s. 5 (as amended (22.4.2014) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), **Sch. 10 para. 2(2)(c)**; S.I. 2014/954, art. 2(d) (with art. 3) (with transitional provisions and savings in S.I. 2014/956, arts. 3-11))

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