



# Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990

## 1990 CHAPTER 37

### *Conscientious objection*

#### **38 Conscientious objection.**

- (1) No person who has a conscientious objection to participating in any activity governed by this Act shall be under any duty, however arising, to do so.
- (2) In any legal proceedings the burden of proof of conscientious objection shall rest on the person claiming to rely on it.
- (3) In any proceedings before a court in Scotland, a statement on oath by any person to the effect that he has a conscientious objection to participating in a particular activity governed by this Act shall be sufficient evidence of that fact for the purpose of discharging the burden of proof imposed by subsection (2) above.

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#### **Commencement Information**

**II** S. 38 wholly in force at 1.8.1991 see s. 49(2) and [S.I. 1991/1400, art. 2\(2\)](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990, Cross Heading: Conscientious objection.