



Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990

1990 CHAPTER 37

Conscientious objection

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- (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.

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.