



Child Support Act 1991

1991 CHAPTER 48

Collection and enforcement

[^{F1}40B Disqualification from driving: further provision.

- (1) If, but only if, the court is of the opinion that there has been wilful refusal or culpable neglect on the part of the liable person, it may—
 - (a) order him to be disqualified, for such period specified in the order but not exceeding two years as it thinks fit, from holding or obtaining a driving licence (a “disqualification order”); or
 - (b) make a disqualification order but suspend its operation until such time and on such conditions (if any) as it thinks just.
- (2) The court may not take action under both section 40 and this section.
- (3) A disqualification order must state the amount in respect of which it is made, which is to be the aggregate of—
 - [^{F2}(a) the amount outstanding, as defined by paragraph 50(3) of Schedule 12 to the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 (taking control of goods); and]
 - (b) an amount (determined in accordance with regulations made by the Secretary of State) in respect of the costs of the application under section 39A.
- (4) A court which makes a disqualification order shall require the person to whom it relates to produce any driving licence held by him, ^{F3}...
- (5) On an application by the [^{F4}Secretary of State] or the liable person, the court—
 - (a) may make an order substituting a shorter period of disqualification, or make an order revoking the disqualification order, if part of the amount referred to in subsection (3) (the “amount due”) is paid to any person authorised to receive it; and
 - (b) must make an order revoking the disqualification order if all of the amount due is so paid.
- (6) The [^{F4}Secretary of State] may make representations to the court as to the amount which should be paid before it would be appropriate to make an order revoking the

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disqualification order under subsection (5)(a), and the person liable may reply to those representations.

(7) The [^{F5}Secretary of State] may make a further application under section 39A if the amount due has not been paid in full when the period of disqualification specified in the disqualification order expires.

(8) Where a court—

- (a) makes a disqualification order;
- (b) makes an order under subsection (5); or
- (c) allows an appeal against a disqualification order,

it shall send notice of that fact to the [^{F5}Secretary of State]; and the notice shall contain such particulars and be sent in such manner and to such address as the [^{F5}Secretary of State] may determine.

(9) Where a court makes a disqualification order, it shall also send the driving licence ^{F6}... , on [^{F7}its] being produced to the court, to the [^{F8}Secretary of State] at such address as [^{F8}the Secretary of State] may determine.

(10) Section 80 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (application of money found on defaulter) shall apply in relation to a disqualification order under this section in relation to a liable person as it applies in relation to the enforcement of a sum mentioned in subsection (1) of that section.

(11) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision in relation to disqualification orders corresponding to the provision he may make under section 40(11).

(12) In the application to Scotland of this section—

- (a) in subsection (2) for “section 40” substitute “section 40A”;
- (b) in subsection (3) for paragraph (a) substitute—
“*(a) the appropriate amount under section 38;*”;
- (c) subsection (10) is omitted; and
- (d) for subsection (11) substitute—

“(11) The power of the Court of Session by Act of Sederunt to regulate the procedure and practice in civil proceedings in the sheriff court shall include power to make, in relation to disqualification orders, provision corresponding to that which may be made by virtue of section 40A(8).”]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 40B inserted (10.11.2000 for specified purposes, 2.4.2001 in so far as not already in force) by [Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000 \(c. 19\)](#), **ss. 16(3)**, 86(1)(a)(2) (with **ss. 28, 83(6)**); [S.I. 2000/2994](#), art. 2, Sch. Pt. 1; [S.I. 2000/3354](#), art. 2(3)
- F2** S. 40B(3)(a) substituted (6.4.2014) by [Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 148, **Sch. 13 para. 97** (with s. 89); [S.I. 2014/768](#), art. 2(1)(b)
- F3** Words in s. 40B(4) repealed (8.6.2015) by [Road Safety Act 2006 \(c. 49\)](#), s. 61(1)(10), Sch. 3 para. 65(2), **Sch. 7(4)**; [S.I. 2015/560](#), art. 3 (with arts. 4-9)
- F4** Words in s. 40B(5)(6) substituted (1.8.2012) by [The Public Bodies \(Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2007\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 49(a)**

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- F5** Words in s. 40B(7)(8) substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 49(a)**
- F6** Words in s. 40B(9) repealed (8.6.2015) by Road Safety Act 2006 (c. 49), s. 61(1)(10), Sch. 3 para. 65(3)(a), **Sch. 7(4)**; S.I. 2015/560, art. 3 (with arts. 4-9)
- F7** Word in s. 40B(9) substituted (8.6.2015) by Road Safety Act 2006 (c. 49), s. 61(1)(10), **Sch. 3 para. 65(3)(b)**; S.I. 2015/560, art. 3(a) (with arts. 4-9)
- F8** Words in s. 40B(9) substituted (1.8.2012) by The Public Bodies (Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012/2007), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 49(b)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Ss. 29-41B modified by The Child Support (Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2000 (S.I. 2000/3186), **reg. 16(2A)** (as inserted (21.2.2003) by S.I. 2003/328, regs. 1(3)(a), 9(7)(b))
- C2** S. 40B modified (10.6.2008) by Child Maintenance and Other Payments Act 2008 (c. 6), **ss. 59(5)**, 62(3); S.I. 2008/1476, art. 2(6)
- C3** S. 40B modified (10.6.2008) by Child Maintenance and Other Payments Act 2008 (c. 6), **ss. 59(6)**, 62(3); S.I. 2008/1476, art. 2(6)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 40B repealed by [2009 c. 24 Sch. 5 para. 8](#)[Sch. 7 Pt. 4](#)
- s. 40B(3)(a) words substituted by [2008 c. 6 Sch. 7 para. 1\(15\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 40B(3)(b) words substituted by [2008 c. 6 Sch. 7 para. 1\(15\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 40B(7) words substituted by [2008 c. 6 Sch. 7 para. 1\(16\)](#)
- s. 40B(12) words substituted by [2008 c. 6 Sch. 7 para. 1\(17\)](#)
- s. 40B(12)(b) repealed by [2008 c. 6 Sch. 8](#)
- s. 40B(12)(c) repealed by [2008 c. 6 Sch. 8](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2010/875 reg. 16](#)[Sch. 2](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 4(3A)(3B) inserted by [2023 c. 24 s. 1\(2\)](#)
- s. 4(4)(d) and word inserted by [2023 c. 24 s. 1\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 6(2A) inserted by [2008 c. 6 Sch. 3 para. 4\(2\)](#)
- s. 7(4A)(4B) inserted by [2023 c. 24 s. 2\(2\)](#)
- s. 7(5)(d) and word inserted by [2023 c. 24 s. 2\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 9A inserted by [2012 c. 5 s. 138](#)
- s. 9A(1)(2) amendment to earlier affecting provision [2012 c. 5 s. 138](#) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 107\(2\)](#)
- s. 9A(3) amendment to earlier affecting provision [2012 c. 5 s. 138](#) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 107\(2\)](#)
- s. 9A(5) amendment to earlier affecting provision [2012 c. 5 s. 138](#) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 107\(3\)](#)
- s. 9A(6) amendment to earlier affecting provision [2012 c. 5 s. 138](#) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 107\(4\)](#)
- s. 20(1)(ba) amendment to earlier affecting provision [2008 c. 6 Sch. 7 para. 1\(3\)](#) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 97\(2\)](#)
- s. 20(1)(ba) inserted by [2008 c. 6 Sch. 7 para. 1\(3\)](#)
- s. 20(2)(aa) inserted by [2008 c. 6 Sch. 7 para. 1\(4\)](#)
- s. 20(3A)(3B) amendment to earlier affecting provision [2012 c. 5 s. Sch. 11 para. 6\(2\)](#) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 108\(3\)](#)
- s. 20(5A) inserted by [2008 c. 6 Sch. 7 para. 1\(5\)](#)
- s. 20(7A) amendment to earlier affecting provision [2008 c. 6 Sch. 7 para. 1\(6\)](#) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 97\(3\)](#)
- s. 20(7A) inserted by [2008 c. 6 Sch. 7 para. 1\(6\)](#)
- s. 20(7A) words substituted by [S.I. 2008/2833 Sch. 3 para. 81\(b\)](#)
- s. 30(5A) added by [1995 c. 34 Sch. 3 para. 9](#)
- s. 31(8)(9) substituted for s. 31(8) by [2008 c. 6 s. 21](#)
- s. 32M32N inserted by [2008 c. 6 s. 25](#)
- s. 32M(1) amendment to earlier affecting provision [2008 c. 6 s. 25](#) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 79\(2\)](#)
- s. 32M(1) substituted by [2023 c. 35 s. 2](#)
- s. 32M(2) amendment to earlier affecting provision [2008 c. 6 s. 25](#) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 79\(3\)](#)
- s. 32M(3) words substituted by [2023 c. 35 s. 4\(3\)](#)
- s. 32N(2)(ba) inserted by [2023 c. 35 s. 3](#)
- s. 32N(3)-(5) inserted by [2023 c. 35 s. 4\(2\)](#)

- s. 38(1)(aa) inserted by [2007 asp 3 Sch. 5 para. 18\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 38(1)(aa) word substituted by [2008 c. 6 Sch. 3 para. 40\(b\)](#) (This amendment will come into force (a) in relation to Scotland, immediately after 2007 asp 3, Sch. 5 par. 18(a)(i) comes into force, and (b) in relation to England and Wales, immediately after 2007 asp 3, Sch. 5 par. 18(a)(i) extends to England and Wales. See [S.I. 2008/2675, art. 2](#))
- s. 39B(3)(b)(c) words substituted by [2010 c. 40 Sch. para. 7\(2\)](#)
- s. 39C(1)-(1B) substituted for s. 39C(1) by [2009 c. 24 s. 51\(3\)](#)
- s. 39E(1A) inserted by [2009 c. 24 Sch. 5 para. 5\(3\)](#)
- s. 39F(2)(e) amendment to earlier affecting provision [2009 c. 24 Sch. 5 para. 6](#) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 100\(4\)](#)
- s. 39F(2)(f) amendment to earlier affecting provision [2009 c. 24 Sch. 5 para. 6](#) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 100\(4\)](#)
- s. 39H-39Q inserted by [2008 c. 6 s. 28](#)
- s. 39H(1) amendment to earlier affecting provision [2008 c. 6 s. 28](#) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 81\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 39H(2)-(5) amendment to earlier affecting provision [2008 c. 6 s. 28](#) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 81\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 39K(2) amendment to earlier affecting provision [2008 c. 6 s. 28](#) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 81\(3\)](#)
- s. 39K(4)(5) amendment to earlier affecting provision [2008 c. 6 s. 28](#) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 81\(3\)](#)
- s. 39K(6) amendment to earlier affecting provision [2008 c. 6 s. 28](#) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 81\(3\)](#)
- s. 39M(2)(a) amendment to earlier affecting provision [2008 c. 6 s. 28](#) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 81\(4\)](#)
- s. 39N(1) amendment to earlier affecting provision [2008 c. 6 s. 28](#) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 81\(5\)](#)
- s. 39N(7)(8) amendment to earlier affecting provision [2008 c. 6 s. 28](#) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 81\(5\)](#)
- s. 39P(2)(g) amendment to earlier affecting provision [2008 c. 6 s. 28](#) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 81\(6\)](#)
- s. 39Q(2)(c) amendment to earlier affecting provision [2008 c. 6 s. 28](#) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 81\(7\)](#)
- s. 39CA39CB inserted by [2009 c. 24 s. 51\(4\)](#)
- s. 39CA(11) omitted by [S.I. 2015/583 Sch. 2 para. 7](#)
- s. 39CB(5)(a) amendment to earlier affecting provision [2009 c. 24 s. 51\(4\)](#) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 99\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 39CB(6)(a) amendment to earlier affecting provision [2009 c. 24 s. 51\(4\)](#) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 99\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 39DA heading amendment to earlier affecting provision [2009 c. 24 s. 51\(5\)](#) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 99\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 39DA inserted by [2009 c. 24 s. 51\(5\)](#)
- s. 39DA(1) amendment to earlier affecting provision [2009 c. 24 s. 51\(5\)](#) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 99\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 39DA(2) amendment to earlier affecting provision [2009 c. 24 s. 51\(5\)](#) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 99\(5\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 39DA(3) amendment to earlier affecting provision [2009 c. 24 s. 51\(5\)](#) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 99\(5\)\(d\)](#)
- s. 40(2A) amendment to earlier affecting provision [2008 c. 6 s. 29\(1\)](#) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 82\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 40(2A)-(2D) inserted by [2008 c. 6 s. 29\(1\)](#)
- s. 40(2B) amendment to earlier affecting provision [2008 c. 6 s. 29\(1\)](#) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 82\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 40(2D)(a) amendment to earlier affecting provision [2008 c. 6 s. 29\(1\)](#) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 82\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 40(10)-(10C) substituted for s. 40(10) by [2008 c. 6 s. 29\(2\)](#)

- s. 40A(A1) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2008 c. 6 s. 29(3) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 82\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 40A(A2) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2008 c. 6 s. 29(3) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 82\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 40A(A1)-(A4) inserted by [2008 c. 6 s. 29\(3\)](#)
- s. 40A(A4)(a) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2008 c. 6 s. 29(3) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 82\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 40A(6)(a) words in s. 40A(6) renumbered as s. 40A(6)(a) by [2008 c. 6 Sch. 7 para. 1\(14\)](#)
- s. 40A(6)(b) inserted by [2008 c. 6 Sch. 7 para. 1\(14\)](#)
- s. 40A(7A)-(7D) inserted by [2008 c. 6 s. 29\(4\)](#)
- s. 40B(A1) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2008 c. 6 s. 30(1) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 83\(2\)](#)
- s. 40B(A3) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2008 c. 6 s. 30(1) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 83\(3\)](#)
- s. 40B(A1)-(1) substituted for heading and s. 40B(1) by [2008 c. 6 s. 30\(1\)](#)
- s. 40B(A5)(a) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2008 c. 6 s. 30(1) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 83\(3\)](#)
- s. 40B(10)-(10C) substituted for s. 40B(10) by [2008 c. 6 s. 30\(2\)](#)
- s. 40B(13) inserted by [2008 c. 6 Sch. 7 para. 1\(18\)](#)
- s. 49A inserted by [2008 c. 6 s. 34](#)
- s. 49A(1) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2008 c. 6 s. 34 by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 86\(2\)](#)
- s. 49A(2)(a) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2008 c. 6 s. 34 by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 86\(3\)](#)
- s. 49A(3) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2008 c. 6 s. 34 by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 86\(4\)](#)
- s. 49A(4) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2008 c. 6 s. 34 by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 86\(5\)](#)
- s. 49A(5)(a) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2008 c. 6 s. 34 by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 86\(6\)](#)
- s. 49A(8)(b) words inserted by [2023 c. 24 s. 3\(4\)](#)
- s. 49A(9)(d) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2008 c. 6 s. 34 by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 86\(6\)](#)
- s. 49A(10)(b) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2008 c. 6 s. 34 by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 86\(6\)](#)
- s. 49A(10)(c) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2008 c. 6 s. 34 by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 86\(6\)](#)
- s. 49B49C inserted by [2008 c. 6 s. 39](#)
- s. 49B(1) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2008 c. 6 s. 39 by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 87\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 49B(1) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2008 c. 6 s. 39 by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 87\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 49B(2)(c) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2008 c. 6 s. 39 by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 87\(3\)](#)
- s. 49B(3)(b) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2008 c. 6 s. 39 by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 87\(3\)](#)
- s. 50(5)(da) inserted by [S.I. 2008/2833 Sch. 3 para. 95\(e\)](#)
- s. 52(2A)(aa) inserted by [2023 c. 35 s. 4\(4\)](#)