



Child Support Act 1991

1991 CHAPTER 48

Miscellaneous and supplemental

54 Interpretation.

In this Act—

“^{F1}non-resident parent”, has the meaning given in section 3(2);

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[^{F3}“appeal tribunal” means an appeal tribunal constituted under Chapter I of Part I of the Social Security Act 1998;]

[^{F4}“application for a [^{F5}variation]” means an application under section 28A [^{F6}or 28G];]

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“benefit Acts” means the [^{F8}Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 and the Social Security Administration Act 1992];

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“child benefit” has the same meaning as in the ^{M1}Child Benefit Act 1975;

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“child support maintenance” has the meaning given in section 3(6);

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“deduction from earnings order” has the meaning given in section 31(2);

[^{F9}“default maintenance decision” has the meaning given in section 12;]

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“disability living allowance” has the same meaning as in the [^{F8}benefit Acts];

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“general qualification” shall be construed in accordance with section 71 of the ^{M2}Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (qualification for judicial appointments);

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[^{F11}“income-based jobseeker’s allowance” has the same meaning as in the Jobseekers Act 1995;]

“income support” has the same meaning as in the benefit Acts;

“interim maintenance [^{F12}decision]” has the meaning given in section 12;

“liability order” has the meaning given in section 33(2);

“maintenance agreement” has the meaning given in section 9(1);

[^{F13}“maintenance calculation” means a calculation of maintenance made under this Act and, except in prescribed circumstances, includes a default maintenance decision and an interim maintenance decision;]

“maintenance order” has the meaning given in section 8(11);

^{F7}

“parent”, in relation to any child, means any person who is in law the mother or father of the child;

[^{F4}“parent with care” means a person who is, in relation to a child, both a parent and a person with care.]

[^{F14}“parental responsibility”, in the application of this Act—

(a) to England and Wales, has the same meaning as in the Children Act 1989; and

(b) to Scotland, shall be construed as a reference to “parental responsibilities” within the meaning given by section 1(3) of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995;]

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“person with care” has the meaning given in section 3(3);

“prescribed” means prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State;

“qualifying child” has the meaning given in section 3(1);

[^{F16}“voluntary payment” has the meaning given in section 28J.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in Act substituted (31.1.2001 for specified purposes, 3.3.2003 for specified purposes) by [Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 86(1)(a)(2), [Sch. 3 para. 11\(2\)](#) (with s. 83(6)); S.I. 2000/3354, art. 2(1)(b); S.I. 2003/192, art. 3, Sch.
- F2** Words in s. 54 repealed (1.6.1999 for specified purposes, 29.11.1999 for specified purposes) by [Social Security Act 1998 \(c. 14\)](#), s. 87(2), [Sch. 7 para. 47\(b\)](#), [Sch. 8](#); S.I. 1999/1510, art. 2(g)(iv); S.I. 1999/3178, art. 2, Sch. 1 (with arts. 2(2), 4)
- F3** Words in s. 54 inserted (1.6.1999) by [Social Security Act 1998 \(c. 14\)](#), s. 87(2), [Sch. 7 para. 47\(a\)](#); S.I. 1999/1510, art. 2(g)(iv)
- F4** Words in s. 54 inserted (4.9.1995) by [Child Support Act 1995 \(c. 34\)](#), s. 30(4), [Sch. 3 para. 16](#); S.I. 1995/2302, art. 2, Sch. Pt. 1
- F5** Word in s. 54 substituted (3.3.2003 for specified purposes) by [Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 86(1)(a)(2), [Sch. 3 para. 11\(20\)\(a\)](#) (with s. 83(6)); S.I. 2003/192, art. 3, Sch.
- F6** Words in s. 54 inserted (3.3.2003 for specified purposes) by [Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 86(1)(a)(2), [Sch. 3 para. 11\(20\)\(a\)](#) (with s. 83(6)); S.I. 2003/192, art. 3, Sch.
- F7** Words in s. 54 omitted (3.3.2003 for specified purposes) by virtue of [Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 86(1)(a)(e)(2), [Sch. 3 para. 11\(20\)\(e\)](#), [Sch 9 Pt. 1](#) (with s. 83(6)); S.I. 2003/192, art. 3, Sch.

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- F8** Words in s. 54 substituted (1.7.1992) by Social Security (Consequential Provisions) Act 1992 (c. 6), s. 4, **Sch. 2 para. 114(a)(b)**
- F9** Words in s. 54 inserted (3.3.2003 for specified purposes) by Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000 (c. 19), s. 86(1)(a)(2), **Sch. 3 para. 11(20)(b)** (with s. 83(6)); S.I. 2003/192, art. 3, Sch.
- F10** Words in s. 54 repealed (6.4.2003) by Tax Credits Act 2002 (c. 21), s. 61, **Sch. 6**; S.I. 2003/962, art. 2(3)(e), Sch. 1
- F11** Words in s. 54 inserted (7.10.1996) by Jobseekers Act 1995 (c. 18), s. 41(2), **Sch. 2 para. 20(6)**; S.I. 1996/2208, art. 2(b)
- F12** Word in s. 54 substituted (3.3.2003 for specified purposes) by Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000 (c. 19), s. 86(1)(a)(2), **Sch. 3 para. 11(20)(c)** (with s. 83(6)); S.I. 2003/192, art. 3, Sch.
- F13** Words in s. 54 substituted (3.3.2003 for specified purposes) by Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000 (c. 19), s. 86(1)(a)(2), **Sch. 3 para. 11(20)(d)** (with s. 83(6)); S.I. 2003/192, art. 3, Sch.
- F14** Words in s. 54 substituted (1.11.1996) by Children (Scotland) Act 1995 (c. 36), s. 105(1)(b), **Sch. 4 para. 52(4)(a)**; S.I. 1996/2203, art. 3(3), Sch. (with arts. 4-7)
- F15** Words in s. 54 repealed (1.11.1996) by Children (Scotland) Act 1995 (c. 36), s. 105(1)(b), Sch. 4 para. 52(4)(b), **Sch. 5**; S.I. 1996/2203, art. 3(3), Sch. (with arts. 4-7)
- F16** Words in s. 54 inserted (3.3.2003 for specified purposes) by Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000 (c. 19), s. 86(1)(a)(2), **Sch. 3 para. 11(20)(f)** (with s. 83(6)); S.I. 2003/192, art. 3, Sch.

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1975 c. 61.
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