



Family Law Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 27

PART V

SUPPLEMENTAL

67 Short title, commencement and extent.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Family Law Act 1996.
- (2) Section 65 and this section come into force on the passing of this Act.
- (3) The other provisions of this Act come into force on such day as the Lord Chancellor may by order appoint; and different days may be appointed for different purposes.
- (4) This Act, other than section 17, extends only to England and Wales, except that—
 - (a) in Schedule 8—
 - (i) the amendments of section 38 of the ^{M1}Family Law Act 1986 extend also to Northern Ireland;
 - (ii) the amendments of the ^{M2}Judicial Proceedings (Regulation of Reports) Act 1926 extend also to Scotland; and
 - (iii) the amendments of the ^{M3}Maintenance Orders Act 1950, the ^{M4}Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982, the ^{M5}Finance Act 1985 and sections 42 and 51 of the Family Law Act 1986 extend also to both Northern Ireland and Scotland; and
 - (b) in Schedule 10, the repeal of section 2(1)(b) of the ^{M6}Domestic and Appellate Proceedings (Restriction of Publicity) Act 1968 extends also to Scotland.

Subordinate Legislation Made

- P1** S. 67 power partly exercised (21.3.1997): 21.3.1997 appointed for specified provisions by [S.I. 1997/1077, art. 2](#)
- S. 67 power partly exercised (28.7.1997): different dates appointed for specified provisions by [S.I. 1997/1892, arts. 2, 3](#) (with transitional provisions in art. 4)

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S. 67 power partly exercised (19.10.1998): 1.11.1998 appointed for specified provisions by S.I. 1998/2572, **art. 3** (with transitional provisions in **art. 4**)

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1986 c. 55.
- M2** 1926 c. 61.
- M3** 1950 c. 37.
- M4** 1982 c. 27.
- M5** 1985 c. 54.
- M6** 1968 c. 63.

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

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

- s. 63(2)(k) inserted by [2021 c. 17 s. 52\(2\)](#)