



# Civil Procedure Act 1997

## CHAPTER 12

### CIVIL PROCEDURE ACT 1997

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*Matters dealt with by the former rules*

1 Among the matters which Civil Procedure Rules may be made...

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2 Civil Procedure Rules may provide for the exercise of the...

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3 (1) Civil Procedure Rules may provide for the removal of...

*Evidence*

4 Civil Procedure Rules may modify the rules of evidence as...

*Application of other rules*

5 (1) Civil Procedure Rules may apply any rules of court...

*Practice directions*

6 Civil Procedure Rules may, instead of providing for any matter,...

*Different provision for different cases etc.*

7 The power to make Civil Procedure Rules includes power to...

SCHEDULE 2 — Minor and consequential amendments

*Supreme Court Act 1981 (c. 54)*

1 (1) The Supreme Court Act 1981 is amended as follows....

*County Courts Act 1984 (c. 28)*

2 (1) The County Courts Act 1984 is amended as follows....

*Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984 (c. 42)*

3 .....

*Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41)*

4 In section 120 of the Courts and Legal Services Act...

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 1(3) substituted by [2003 c. 39 s. 82\(1\)](#)
- s. 2(6)-(8) repealed by [2003 c. 39 s. 85\(1\)Sch. 10](#)
- s. 3 substituted by [2003 c. 39 s. 85\(2\)](#) (This substitution is not yet in force. The prospectively substituted s. 3 is itself amended (3.4.2006) by [2005 c. 4, Sch. 4 para. 265](#); [S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2\(a\), Sch. 1 paras. 11\(v\), 30\(b\)](#). These amendments will be applied when this substitution is brought into force)

**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. 1(4) inserted by [2022 c. 35 Sch. 4 para. 2\(2\)](#)
- s. 3(3)(4) substituted by [2005 c. 4 Sch. 4 para. 265\(2\)](#) (This amendment is made to s. 3 as prospectively amended by [2003 c. 39, s. 85\(2\)](#). Although it is in force at 3.4.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2\(a\), Sch. 1 para. 11\(v\)](#), it cannot be applied until the substitution of s. 3 has been brought into force)
- s. 3(5) words substituted by [2005 c. 4 Sch. 4 para. 265\(3\)](#) (This amendment is made to s. 3 as prospectively amended by [2003 c. 39, s. 85\(2\)](#). Although it is in force at 3.4.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2\(a\), Sch. 1 para. 11\(v\)](#), it cannot be applied until the substitution of s. 3 has been brought into force)
- s. 3(6) words repealed by [2005 c. 4 Sch. 4 para. 265\(4\)Sch. 18 Pt. 2](#) (This amendment is made to s. 3 as prospectively amended by [2003 c. 39, s. 85\(2\)](#). Although it is in force at 3.4.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2\(a\), Sch. 1 paras. 11\(v\), 30\(b\)](#), it cannot be applied until the substitution of s. 3 has been brought into force)
- s. 3(7) repealed by [2005 c. 4 Sch. 4 para. 265\(5\)Sch. 18 Pt. 2](#) (This amendment is made to s. 3 as prospectively amended by [2003 c. 39, s. 85\(2\)](#). Although it is in force at 3.4.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2\(a\), Sch. 1 paras. 11\(v\), 30\(b\)](#), it cannot be applied until the substitution of s. 3 has been brought into force)
- s. 5(7) inserted by [2022 c. 35 Sch. 4 para. 2\(3\)](#)