

*These notes refer to the Children and Families Act 2014
(c.6) which received Royal Assent on 13 March 2014*

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ACT 2014

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 9 – Right to Request Flexible Working

Section 131: Removal of the requirement to be a carer

693. This section removes the requirement that an employee must have parental or caring responsibility in order to make a request to their employer to change their terms and conditions with respect to hours and location of work.
694. *Subsection (1)* repeals section 80F(1)(b) of the ERA which requires an employee to be responsible for the care of a child or in certain cases a person over the age of 18 in order to make a request for flexible working. This means that all employees who have the necessary period of service with their employer (currently 26 weeks) will have a right to request flexible working.
695. *Subsection (2)* also repeals other provisions which are no longer necessary following the removal of the requirement to be the carer of a child or adult.