



# Domestic Abuse Act 2021

## 2021 CHAPTER 17

### PART 1

#### DEFINITION OF “DOMESTIC ABUSE”

#### **2 Definition of “personally connected”**

- (1) For the purposes of this Act, two people are “personally connected” to each other if any of the following applies—
- (a) they are, or have been, married to each other;
  - (b) they are, or have been, civil partners of each other;
  - (c) they have agreed to marry one another (whether or not the agreement has been terminated);
  - (d) they have entered into a civil partnership agreement (whether or not the agreement has been terminated);
  - (e) they are, or have been, in an intimate personal relationship with each other;
  - (f) they each have, or there has been a time when they each have had, a parental relationship in relation to the same child (see subsection (2));
  - (g) they are relatives.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)(f) a person has a parental relationship in relation to a child if—
- (a) the person is a parent of the child, or
  - (b) the person has parental responsibility for the child.
- (3) In this section—
- “child” means a person under the age of 18 years;
  - “civil partnership agreement” has the meaning given by section 73 of the Civil Partnership Act 2004;
  - “parental responsibility” has the same meaning as in the Children Act 1989 (see section 3 of that Act);
  - “relative” has the meaning given by section 63(1) of the Family Law Act 1996.

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*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Domestic Abuse Act 2021, Section 2. (See end of Document for details)*

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**Commencement Information**

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