



National Assistance Act 1948

1948 CHAPTER 29

PART IV

GENERAL AND SUPPLEMENTARY.

Recovery of Expenses.

42 Liability to maintain wife or husband, and children.

- (1) For the purposes of this Act—
 - (a) a man shall be liable to maintain his wife and his children, and
 - (b) a woman shall be liable to maintain her husband and her children.
- (2) The reference in paragraph (a) of the last foregoing subsection to a man's children includes a reference to children of whom he has been adjudged to be the putative father, and the reference in paragraph (b) of that subsection to a woman's children includes a reference to her illegitimate children.
- (3) In the application of subsection (2) of this section to Scotland, for the reference to children of whom a man has been adjudged to be the putative father there shall be substituted a reference to children his paternity of whom has been admitted or otherwise established.