
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1993 No. 295 (L.1)

FAMILY PROCEEDINGS

SUPREME COURT OF ENGLAND AND WALES

COUNTY COURTS

The Family Proceedings (Amendment) Rules 1993

Made - - - - *19th January 1993*

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We, the authority having power under section 40(1) of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984⁽¹⁾ to make rules of court for the purposes of family proceedings in the High Court and county courts, in the exercise of the powers conferred by the said section 40, and of all other powers enabling us in that behalf, hereby make the following rules:

1. These rules may be cited as the Family Proceedings (Amendment) Rules 1993 and shall come into force on 5th April 1993.
2. The Family Proceedings Rules 1991⁽²⁾ shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of these Rules and, in those provisions, any reference to a rule or Appendix by number alone shall be construed as a reference to the rule or Appendix so numbered in the said Rules of 1991.
3. In rule 1.2(1), after the definition of “the Act of 1989” there shall be inserted the words ““the Act of 1991” means the Child Support Act 1991;⁽³⁾”.
4. After rule 3.20 there shall be inserted the following:—

“Application under section 27 of the Act of 1991 for declaration of parentage

3.21.—(1) Rule 4.6 shall apply to an application under section 27 of the Act of 1991 (reference to court for declaration of parentage) as it applies to an application under the Act of 1989.

(2) Where an application under section 27 of the Act of 1991 has been transferred to the High Court or a county court the court shall, as soon as practicable after a transfer has occurred, consider what directions to give for the conduct of the proceedings.

(1) 1984 c. 42. Section 40 was amended by the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41), Schedule 18, paragraph 50.
(2) S.I.1991/1247, amended by S.I. 1991/2113, 1992/456 and 2067.
(3) 1991 c. 48.

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (2), the court may, in particular, direct that—

- (a) the proceedings shall proceed as if they had been commenced by originating summons or originating application;
- (b) any document served or other thing done while the proceedings were pending in another court, including a magistrates' court, shall be treated for such purposes as may be specified in the direction as if it had been such document or other thing, being a document or other thing provided for by the rules of court applicable in the court to which the proceedings have been transferred, as may be specified in the direction and had been served or done pursuant to any such rule;
- (c) a pre-trial hearing shall be held to determine what further directions, if any, should be given.

(4) The application may be heard and determined by a district judge.

Appeal under section 20 of the Act of 1991 from decision of child support officer

3.22.—(1) Rule 4.6 shall apply to an appeal under section 20 of the Act of 1991 (appeals against certain decisions of child support officers) as it applies to an application under the Act of 1989.

(2) Where an appeal under section 20 of the Act of 1991 is transferred to the High Court or a county court, Rule 3.21(2) and (3) shall apply to the appeal as it applies to an application under section 27 of the Act of 1991.

Appeal from Child Support Commissioner

3.23.—(1) This rule shall apply to any appeal to the Court of Appeal under section 25 of the Act of 1991 (appeal from Child Support Commissioner on question of law).

(2) Where leave to appeal is granted by the Commissioner, the notice of appeal must be served within 6 weeks from the date on which notice of the grant was given in writing to the appellant.

(3) Where leave to appeal is granted by the Court of Appeal upon an application made within 6 weeks of the date on which notice of the Commissioner's refusal of leave to appeal was given in writing to the appellant, the notice of appeal must be served—

- (a) before the end of the said period of 6 weeks; or
- (b) within 7 days after the date on which leave is granted,

whichever is the later, or within such other period as the Court of Appeal may direct.”.

5. After rule 10.21 there shall be inserted the following:—

“Disclosure of information under the Act of 1991

10.21A. Where the Secretary of State requires a person mentioned in regulation 2(2) or (3)(a) of the Child Support (Information, Evidence and Disclosure) Regulations 1992(4) to furnish information or evidence for a purpose mentioned in regulation 3(1) of those Regulations, nothing in rules 4.23 (confidentiality of documents), 10.20 (inspection etc of documents in court) or 10.21 (disclosure of addresses) shall prevent that person from furnishing the information or evidence sought or require him to seek leave of the court before doing so.”.

6. After rule 10.23 there shall be inserted the following:–

“Applications for relief which is precluded by the Act of 1991

10.24.—(1) Where an application is made for an order which, in the opinion of the district judge, the court would be prevented from making by section 8 or 9 of the Act of 1991, the proper officer may send a notice in Form M34 to the applicant.

(2) In the first instance, the district judge shall consider the matter under paragraph (1) himself, without holding a hearing.

(3) Where a notice is sent under paragraph (1), no requirement of these rules, except for those of this rule, as to the service of the application by the proper officer or as to any other procedural step to follow the making of an application of the type in question, shall apply unless and until the court directs that they shall apply or that they shall apply to such extent and subject to such modifications as may be specified in the direction.

(4) Where an applicant who has been sent a notice under paragraph (1) informs the proper officer in writing, within 14 days of the date of the notice, that he wishes to persist with his application, the proper officer shall refer the matter to the district judge for action in accordance with paragraph (5).

(5) Where the district judge acts in accordance with this paragraph, he shall give such directions as he considers appropriate for the matter to be heard and determined by the court and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, such directions may provide for the hearing to be ex parte.

(6) Where directions are given under paragraph (5), the proper officer shall inform the applicant of the directions and, in relation to the other parties,–

- (a) send them a copy of the application;
- (b) where the hearing is to be ex parte, inform them briefly–
 - (i) of the nature and effect of the notice under this rule,
 - (ii) that the matter is being resolved ex parte, and
 - (iii) that they will be informed of the result in due course; and
- (c) where the hearing is to be inter partes, inform them of–
 - (i) the circumstances which led to the directions being given, and
 - (ii) the directions.

(7) Where a notice has been sent under paragraph (1) and the proper officer is not informed under paragraph (4), the application shall be treated as having been withdrawn.

(8) Where the matter is heard pursuant to directions under paragraph (5) and the court determines that it would be prevented by section 8 or 9 of the Act of 1991 from making the order sought by the application, it shall dismiss the application.

(9) Where the court dismisses an application under this rule it shall give its reasons in writing, copies of which shall be sent to the parties by the proper officer.

(10) In this rule, “the matter” means the question whether the making of an order in the terms sought by the application would be prevented by section 8 or 9 of the Act of 1991.

Modification of rule 10.24 in relation to non-free-standing applications

10.25 Where a notice is sent under rule 10.24(1) in respect of an application which is contained in a petition or other document (“the document”) which contains material extrinsic to the application–

- (a) the document shall, until the contrary is directed under sub-paragraph (c) of this rule, be treated as if it did not contain the application in respect of which the notice was served;
- (b) the proper officer shall, when he sends copies of the document to the respondents under any provision of these rules, attach a copy of the notice under rule 10.24(1) and a notice informing the respondents of the effect of sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph; and
- (c) if it is determined, under rule 10.24, that the court would not be prevented, by section 8 or 9 of the Act of 1991, from making the order sought by the application, the court shall direct that the document shall be treated as if it contained the application, and it may give such directions as it considers appropriate for the conduct of the proceedings in consequence of that direction.”.

Forms

7. In the list of forms at the beginning of Appendix 1, after the entry relating to M33(5) there shall be inserted the following:–

“M34 Notice under rule 10.24(1)”.

8. In Appendix 1, after Form M33(6) there shall be inserted the form set out in Schedule 1 to these Rules.

9. In Appendix 1, the forms set out in Schedule 2 to these Rules shall be substituted for forms M11, M13, M19 and CHA13.

10. The following amendments shall be made to Form M4 (Statement of Arrangements for Children):–

- (a) in the opening section headed “To the Petitioner” there shall be substituted for the last paragraph the following–

“You should obtain legal advice from a solicitor or, alternatively, from an advice agency. Addresses of solicitors and advice agencies can be obtained from the Yellow Pages and the Solicitors' Regional Directory which can be found at Citizens Advice Bureaux, Law Centres and any local library.”;

- (b) for section 7 there shall be substituted the provision contained in Schedule 3 to these Rules;

- (c) in section 10, in question (c), there shall be inserted after “or maintenance?” the following–

“(You need not include any Child Support Agency proceedings here)”.

11. The following amendments shall be made to Form M5 (Notice of Proceedings):–

- (a) in paragraph 1, for “8 days” there shall be substituted “7 days” and the words “,inclusive of the day of receipt,” shall be deleted;

- (b) in paragraph 3, for “29 days” there shall be substituted “28 days” and the words “,inclusive of the day of receipt,” shall be deleted;

- (c) for paragraph 10 there shall be substituted the following–

“10. Please answer Question 10.

If your answer to Question 10(c) is Yes please make sure that you sign the form at 12(a).”;

- (d) after paragraph 12 the following paragraph shall be inserted:–

(5) The entry relating to M33 was inserted by S.I. 1992/2067.

(6) Form M33 was inserted by S.I. 1992/2067.

“13. If you wish to make an application for

- a Residence Order
- a Contact Order
- a Specific Issue Order
- a Prohibited Steps Order

in respect of a child, you will have to make a separate application on Form CHA10(D). You can get this form from the court office. Before you apply for any of these orders or any other orders which may be available to you under Part I or II of the Children Act 1989 you are advised to see a solicitor.”

12. In Form M6 (Acknowledgement of Service), Question 10(d) shall be deleted.

13. The following amendments shall be made to Form M21 (Originating Application for Alteration of Maintenance Agreement during Parties' Lifetime):—

- (a) in paragraph 1, after “the respondent” a closing bracket shall be inserted;
- (b) in paragraph 8, after “the alteration[s] are:—” there shall be inserted—
“[if there are or have been any proceedings in the Child Support Agency with reference to the maintenance of a child of the family please give details here.]”.

14. The following amendments shall be made to Form CHA14 (Statement of Means):—

- (a) in section 6, after “Other state benefit(s)” there shall be inserted “Child Support Agency maintenance”;
- (b) in section 7, after “pocket money” there shall be inserted “Child Support Agency payments”;
- (c) in section 9, after “Other” there shall be inserted “Child Support Agency arrears”;
- (d) in sections 7 and 9, for “Community charge” there shall be substituted “Council tax”.

15. In form CHA15 (Application for Variation/Discharge of an Order for Financial Provision) (a),(7) there shall be substituted for section 4 the provision contained in Schedule 4 to these Rules.

16. In Appendix 2 after paragraph 1(i), the following shall be inserted—

- “(ia) whether or not there have been any applications under the Act of 1991 for a maintenance assessment in respect of any child of the family and if so—
 - (i) the date of any such application, and
 - (ii) details of the assessment made;”.

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Dated 19th January 1993

SCHEDULE 1

Rule 8

Rule 8

SCHEDULE 1

Form M34

NOTICE UNDER RULE 10.24(1)

[Heading as in Form M2]

To

of

I have considered your _____ dated the _____ and the other relevant papers in these proceedings. I have formed the opinion that the court would be prevented from making the order requested [in respect of the following children:

] because

If you wish to dispute this and argue that the court should continue to deal with your application, you must say so in writing and send it to the court office by _____. If you do this a hearing will be fixed at which you will be able to say why you think the court would be able to make the order in question.

The address of the court office is :

Dated this _____ day of _____ 19

Proper Officer

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SCHEDULE 2

Rule 9

SCHEDULE 2

Rule 9

Rule 2.53(2) and (3)

Form M11

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR ANCILLARY RELIEF

[Heading as in Form M2]

TAKE NOTICE THAT the petitioner [or respondent] intends to apply to the Court for [here set out the ancillary relief claimed, stating the terms of any agreement as to the order which the court is to be asked to make and, in the case of an application for a property adjustment order or an avoidance of disposition order, stating briefly the nature of the adjustment proposed or the disposition to be set aside. If the application is to vary periodical payments or secured periodical payments for children, state here whether there are or have been any proceedings in the Child Support Agency relating to their maintenance.]

If you are applying for any periodical payments or secured periodical payments for children, please say here whether you are applying for payment [] for a stepchild or step children [] in addition to child support maintenance already paid under a Child Support Agency assessment [] to meet expenses arising from a child's disability [] to meet expenses incurred by a child in being educated or training for work [] when either • the child OR • the person with care of the child, OR • the absent parent of the child is not habitually resident in the United Kingdom [] other (please specify)

Notice will be given to you of the place and time fixed for the hearing of the application [or The application will be heard by the district judge in chambers at

on day, the day of 19 . at o'clock.]

The probable length of the hearing of this application is

[Unless the parties are agreed upon the terms of the proposed order, or the application is for a variation order, add:

TAKE NOTICE ALSO THAT you must send to the district judge, so as to reach him within 28 days after you receive a copy of the affidavit of the petitioner [or respondent] an affidavit giving full particulars of your property and income. You must at the same time send a copy of your affidavit to [the solicitor for] the applicant. A standard form of affidavit may be obtained from the court office.

If you wish to allege that the petitioner [or respondent] has property or income, you should say so in your affidavit.]

Dated this day of 19 .

Signed

[Solicitor for the] Respondent [or Petitioner]

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Rule: 2.58 (1)

Form M13

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO PROCEED WITH APPLICATION FOR ANCILLARY RELIEF
MADE IN PETITION OR ANSWER

[Heading as in Form M2]

The petitioner [or respondent] having applied in his [her] petition[or answer] for
[here set out the ancillary relief claimed and intended to be proceeded with, stating
the terms of any agreement as to the order which the court is to be asked to make.]

If you are applying for any periodical payments or secured periodical payments for
children, please say here whether you are applying for payment for a stepchild
or step children in addition to child support maintenance already paid under
a Child Support Agency assessment to meet expenses arising from a child's
disability to meet expenses incurred by a child in being educated or training
for work when either • the child OR • the person with care of the child, OR
• the absent parent of the child is not habitually resident in the United Kingdom
 other (please specify)

[Add where applicable TAKE NOTICE THAT the application will be heard by the
district judge in chambers

at
on _____ day, the _____ day of _____ 19____
at _____ o' clock].

The probable length of the hearing of this application is _____ minutes.

[TAKE NOTICE [ALSO] THAT [continue as in fourth paragraph of Form M11]]

Dated this _____ day of _____ 19____

Signed

[Solicitor for the] Petitioner [or Respondent]

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Rule 3.1

Form M19

ORIGINATING APPLICATION ON GROUND OF FAILURE
TO PROVIDE REASONABLE MAINTENANCE

In the

County Court
[Divorce Registry]
No of
Matter

(Seal)

*In the Matter of an Application under section 27
of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973*

Between
and

Applicant
Respondent

I, _____, of _____, the wife [husband]
of _____ (hereinafter called the 'respondent') say
that the respondent has failed to provide reasonable maintenance for myself [and has failed to
provide, or to make a proper contribution towards, maintenance for the child[ren] of our family,
namely _____] and I apply for an order for
[here set out the financial relief claimed].

If you are applying for any periodical payments or secured periodical payments for **children**,
please say here whether you are applying for payment for a stepchild or step children
 in addition to child support maintenance already paid under a Child Support Agency assessment
 to meet expenses arising from a child's disability to meet expenses incurred by a child in
being educated or training for work when either • the child OR • the person with care of
the child, OR • the absent parent of the child is not habitually resident in the United Kingdom
 other (please specify)

My address for service is [Where the applicant sues by a solicitor, state the solicitor's name or
firm and address or, where the applicant sues in person, state her place of residence as given
above, or, if no place of residence in England and Wales is given, the address of a place in
England and Wales at or to which the documents for her may be delivered or sent].

Dated

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Application for Financial Provision for Children

Schedule 1 The Children Act 1989

Date received by court

- ▶ Please use black ink. The notes on page 7 tell you what to do when you have completed the form
- ▶ If there is more than one child you must fill in a separate form for each child.

- ▶ Please answer every part. If a part does not apply or you do not know what to say please say so. If there is not enough room continue on another sheet (put the child's name and the number of the part on the sheet).
- ▶ If you have any concerns about giving your address or that of the child or any other address requested in this form, you may give an alternative address where papers can be served. However, you must notify the court of the actual address on a separate form available from the court.

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I apply to The

[High] [County] [Magistrates'] Court

Case No.

- for an order for
- lump sum transfer of property* settlement of property*
 periodical payments secured periodical payments*

*these orders can only be made in the High Court or a county court

If you have ticked 'periodical payments' or 'secured periodical payments' are you applying for payment :

- for a stepchild or stepchildren in addition to child support maintenance already paid under a Child Support Agency assessment to meet expenses arising from a child's disability to meet expenses incurred by a child in being educated or training for work when either
- the child OR • the person with care of the child, OR • the absent parent of the child is not habitually resident in the United Kingdom
- other (please specify)

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I About the child

- (a) The name of the child is
Put the surname last
- (b) The child is a boy girl
- (c) The child was born on the day month year Age now
- (d) The child usually lives at
See note on addresses at top of this form
- (e) The child lives with the child's mother the child's father
If the child does not live with a parent please give the name of the person who is responsible for the child
- (f) The child is also cared for by
Put the surname last
- (g) The child is at present staying in a refuge (Please give the address to the Court separately) not staying in a refuge
- (h) The child usually lives at
If the child is temporarily living away from usual address please say where he/she is living at present
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2 About myself (the person applying)

- (a) I am
 - the child (if 18 or over)
 - the child's mother or father
 - the child's stepmother or stepfather
 - a guardian of the child
 - a person with a residence order
 - none of the above. I am

- (b) Leave to make this application is being sought
Only complete if leave is required has been given. The court which gave leave was
 Leave was given on *day* *month* *year*

- (c) My title is Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other (*say here*)

- (d) My full name is
Put the surname last

- (e) My full address is
See note on addresses at top of page 1

- (f) My telephone number is

- (g) My solicitor is

<i>Name</i>		
<i>Address</i>		
<i>Tel.</i>	<i>Fax</i>	<i>Ref</i>

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3 About the child's family

- (a) The name of the child's mother is
Put the surname last

- (b) The mother usually lives at
See note on addresses at top of page 1

- (c) The name of the child's father is
Put the surname last

- (d) The father usually lives at
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3 About the child's family (continued)

- (e) The child's mother and father are living together are living apart
- (f) The father is married to the child's mother married to someone else
 single divorced
- (g) The mother is married to the child's father married to someone else
 single divorced

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4 Parental responsibility

Some people have "parental responsibility" for a child. The law says what "parental responsibility" is and which people have it. These people include:

- A the mother
- B the father
if he was married to the child's mother when the child was born
- C the father
if he was not married to the child's mother when the child was born
but he now has a residence order
or he now has a court order which gives him parental responsibility
or he now has a formal "parental responsibility agreement" with the mother
or he has since married the mother
- D a guardian of the child
- E someone who holds a custody or residence order
- F a local authority which has a care order
- G someone who holds an emergency protection order
- H any man or woman who has adopted the child

The people who are believed to have parental responsibility for this child are

See note on addresses at the top of page 1

Name	Address

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5 About court proceedings and the parents

Please give details of any relevant court proceedings between the parents and / or those who have parental responsibility.

Proceedings are not pending or in progress

Proceedings are pending or in progress.

Include the name of the court and the case number of the proceedings if known

Please give details below

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6 About this application

(a) I wish the Court to order that

Give details of the financial provision you wish the court to make, including the amounts requested

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6 About this application (continued)

(b) I wish the payments to be made

direct to a bank / building society account

The name of the bank / building society is

The bank / building society sort code .

The account number

by attachment of earnings order

in the following way

If you would like another method of payment to be used please give details in the box

no preference

(c) The financial needs of the child are

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6 About this application (continued)

(d) The income, property and other financial resources (if any) of the child are

(e) State if the Child Support Agency has made an assessment for maintenance for this child No Yes

If yes, are you applying

- for additional child maintenance on top of payments made through the Agency? No Yes

If yes, please give details

- because the Agency will no longer deal with your claim? No Yes

If yes, please give details

(f) Does the child have any physical or mental disability? No Yes The disability is

Give details of all disabilities

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6 About this application (continued)

(g) The manner in which the child is being, or is expected to be, educated or trained

(h) You should now complete the statement of means form (CHA 14)

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7 The Respondents

The respondent(s) will be all those who

- have parental responsibility
- are interested in or affected by the proceedings
- are allowed by Rules of Court

(i) Only give the names and addresses of those people whose details are not given in part 4 of this form.

(ii) Please put the address where the respondent usually lives or where papers can be served. See note on addresses at the top of page 1.

(iii) You will have to serve a copy of this application on each of the respondents.

The name of the respondent	The respondent's address

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8 Declaration

I declare that the information I have given is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signed

Date

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What you (the person applying) must do next

- ▶ There is a Notice of Hearing on page 8. Fill in the boxes on the Notice.
- ▶ Take or send this form and statement of means to the court with enough copies for each respondent to be served. The top copy will be kept by the court and the other copies given or sent back to you for service.
- ▶ You **must** then serve the copies of the Application, the Notice of Hearing, the statement of means and the Respondent's Answer CHA 13A according to the rules. You may also be required under the Rules to give notice of the proceedings to other people.

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In the [High]
[County]
at [Magistrates'] Court

(When writing to the court please state the Case No.) Case No.
Tel. Fax

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Notice of a [Hearing] [Directions Appointment]

You are named as a Respondent in these proceedings

about the child

[Empty box for child name]

[] a boy [] a girl

born on the

[Empty box for date]

You must read this Notice now

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About the [Hearing] [Directions Appointment]

name of applicant

[Empty box for applicant name]

has made an application to the Court.

The Court has been asked to make an order for financial provision for the child

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To be completed by the court

The Court will hear this at

[Shaded box for location]

on

[Shaded box for date]

at

[Shaded box for time]

the time allowed is

[Shaded box for duration]

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What you must do

- There is a copy of the application and statement of means with this Notice. Read the application now. You do not have to fill in any part. You must complete the form of Answer enclosed and follow the instructions on the first page of the Answer regarding service.
You should obtain legal advice from a solicitor or, alternatively, from an advice agency. The Law Society administers a national panel of solicitors to represent children and other parties involved in proceedings relating to children. Addresses of solicitors (including panel members) and advice agencies can be obtained from the Yellow Pages and the Solicitors Regional Directory which can be found at Citizens Advice Bureaux, Law Centres and any local library. A solicitor or advice agency will also be able to advise you as to whether you will be eligible for legal aid.

date

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SCHEDULE 3

Rule 10(b)

Rule 10(b)

SCHEDULE 3

7.	Maintenance <i>(please tick the appropriate boxes)</i>
(a) Does your husband/wife pay towards the upkeep of the children? If there is another source of maintenance, please specify.	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <i>(please give details of how much)</i>
(b) Is the payment made under a court order?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <i>(please give details, including the name of the court and case number)</i>
(c) Is the payment following an assessment by the Child Support Agency ?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <i>(please give details of how much)</i>
(d) Has maintenance for the children been agreed?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
(e) If not, will you be applying for : • a child maintenance order from the court • child support maintenance through the Child Support Agency ?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes

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SCHEDULE 3

Rule 15

SCHEDULE 4

Rule 15

4 About this application

(a) My reasons for making this application are

(b) State if the Child Support Agency has made an assessment for maintenance for this child No Yes

If yes, please give details

(c) I would like the court to order that

If you are asking for the order to be varied, please give details of the changes you would like the Court to make to the

- *payments, or*
- *the method of payment*

(d) Please complete the statement of means form if you are seeking a variation or discharge of the order on the grounds of a change in your financial circumstances.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Rules)

These Rules amend the Family Proceedings Rules 1991 in the light of changes contained in the Child Support Act 1991 (“the Act”).

Rule 4 concerns the procedure for applications under the Act for a declaration of parentage (sections 20 and 27) and for appeals to the Court of Appeal from the decision of a Child Support Commissioner (section 25).

Rule 5 deals with the disclosure of information about court proceedings to the Secretary of State.

Rule 6 establishes a procedure to deal with cases where there is a dispute as to whether a court or the Child Support Agency has jurisdiction to deal with a question of child maintenance.

Rules 7 to 15 amend various forms to elicit information about maintenance assessment made under the Act. Rule 16 similarly amends the requirements of a divorce petition.