
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.