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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2022 No. 840 (C. 50)**

**DOMESTIC ABUSE, ENGLAND AND WALES**

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 (Commencement  
No. 5 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2022

Made - - - - 18th July 2022

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 86(1) and 90(6) of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021<sup>(1)</sup>, makes the following Regulations.

**Citation, interpretation and extent**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 (Commencement No. 5 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2022.

(2) In these Regulations a reference to a section or Schedule by number alone means the section or Schedule so numbered in the Domestic Abuse Act 2021.

(3) These Regulations extend to England and Wales.

**Commencement of provisions on 21st July 2022**

2. The following provisions come into force on 21st July 2022—

- (a) section 65 (prohibition of cross-examination in person in family proceedings);
- (b) section 66 (prohibition of cross-examination in person in civil proceedings).

**Transitional provision**

3. Sections 65 and 66 do not apply in relation to proceedings which were started before 21st July 2022.

18th July 2022

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations are the fifth commencement regulations made under the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 (“the Act”). They bring into force sections 65 and 66 of the Act on 21st July 2022, with transitional provision so that those sections do not apply in relation to proceedings which were started before 21st July 2022 and accordingly apply only to proceedings which are started on or after that date.

An impact assessment has not been published for these Regulations as no significant impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen independent of the provisions these Regulations bring into force. An impact assessment has been published in relation to the Act and copies can be obtained from the Ministry of Justice, 102 Petty France, London, SW1H 9AJ, or from this website: [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1007463/DA\\_Act\\_2021\\_Impact\\_Assessment.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1007463/DA_Act_2021_Impact_Assessment.pdf)

## NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT REGULATIONS

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

The following provisions of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 have been brought into force by commencement regulations made before the date of these Regulations.

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. No.</i>
Sections 1 and 2 (partially)	5th July 2021	<a href="#">2021/797</a>
Section 76 (partially)	5th July 2021	<a href="#">2021/797</a>
Section 78	5th July 2021	<a href="#">2021/797</a>
Sections 1 and 2, so far as not already in force	1st October 2021	<a href="#">2021/1038</a>
Section 3 (partially)	1st October 2021	<a href="#">2021/1038</a>
Section 63	1st October 2021	<a href="#">2021/1038</a>
Part 4	1st October 2021	<a href="#">2021/1038</a>
Section 3 (partially)	1st November 2021	<a href="#">2021/1038</a>
Part 2	1st November 2021	<a href="#">2021/1038</a>
Section 79	1st November 2021	<a href="#">2021/1038</a>
Section 84	1st November 2021	<a href="#">2021/1038</a>
Section 3, so far as not already in force	31st January 2022	<a href="#">2022/73</a>
Section 62 (partially)	19th May 2022	<a href="#">2022/553</a>
Section 67	19th May 2022	<a href="#">2022/553</a>
Section 70	7th June 2022	<a href="#">2022/553</a>
Schedule 2	7th June 2022	<a href="#">2022/553</a>

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<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. No.</i>
Section 64	14th June 2022	<a href="#">2022/553</a>