



# Maintenance Orders (Reciprocal Enforcement) Act 1972

## 1972 CHAPTER 18

An Act to make new provision, applying throughout the United Kingdom, in place of the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act 1920; to make provision with a view to the accession by the United Kingdom to the United Nations Convention on the Recovery Abroad of Maintenance done at New York on 20th June 1956; to make other provision for facilitating the recovery of maintenance by or from persons in the United Kingdom from or by persons in other countries; to extend the jurisdiction of magistrates' courts to hear complaints by or against persons outside England and Wales; and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid. [23rd March 1972]

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1 Act: certain functions transferred (1.4.1992) by [S.I. 1992/709, art. 4\(3\)\(a\)\(4\)](#)
- C2 Act amended (1.4.1992) by [S.I. 1992/709, art. 4\(5\)](#)
- C3 Act: transfer of functions (12.4.2010) by [The Northern Ireland Act 1998 \(Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/976\), Sch. 17 para. 4](#) (with arts. 28-31)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Maintenance Orders (Reciprocal Enforcement) Act 1972, Introductory Text.