



Matrimonial Causes Act 1973

1973 CHAPTER 18

PART I

DIVORCE, NULLITY AND OTHER MATRIMONIAL SUITS

Nullity

16 Effect of [^{F1}annulment] in case of voidable marriage.

[^{F2}(1)] [^{F3}A nullity of marriage order granted] in respect of a voidable marriage shall operate to annul the marriage only as respects any time after the [^{F4}order has been made final,] and the marriage shall, [^{F5}notwithstanding the order,] be treated as if it had existed up to that time.

[^{F6}(2) Subsection (1) has effect in relation to a decree of nullity granted after 31 July 1971 as it has effect in relation to a nullity of marriage order, but with the substitution—

- (a) for “order has been made final,” of “decree has been made absolute,” and
- (b) for “notwithstanding the order,” of “notwithstanding the decree,]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 16 heading substituted (6.4.2022) by Divorce, Dissolution and Separation Act 2020 (c. 11), s. 8(1)(8), **Sch. para. 15(2)**; S.I. 2022/283, reg. 2
- F2** S. 16 renumbered as s. 16(1) (6.4.2022) by Divorce, Dissolution and Separation Act 2020 (c. 11), s. 8(1)(8), **Sch. para. 15(3)**; S.I. 2022/283, reg. 2
- F3** Words in s. 16(1) substituted (6.4.2022) by Divorce, Dissolution and Separation Act 2020 (c. 11), s. 8(1)(8), **Sch. para. 15(4)(a)**; S.I. 2022/283, reg. 2
- F4** Words in s. 16(1) substituted (6.4.2022) by Divorce, Dissolution and Separation Act 2020 (c. 11), s. 8(1)(8), **Sch. para. 15(4)(b)**; S.I. 2022/283, reg. 2
- F5** Words in s. 16(1) substituted (6.4.2022) by Divorce, Dissolution and Separation Act 2020 (c. 11), s. 8(1)(8), **Sch. para. 15(4)(c)**; S.I. 2022/283, reg. 2
- F6** S. 16(2) inserted (6.4.2022) by Divorce, Dissolution and Separation Act 2020 (c. 11), s. 8(1)(8), **Sch. para. 15(5)**; S.I. 2022/283, reg. 2

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973, Section 16.