



# Children Act 1975

## CHAPTER 72

### CHILDREN ACT 1975

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- 5 (1) Paragraph 3— (a) does not apply to an existing...

- 6 (1) Subject to any contrary indication, the rules of construction...

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- 7 (1) Paragraph 3 does not apply for the purposes of...

#### *Pensions*

- 8 Paragraph 3(2) does not affect entitlement to a pension which...

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- 9 In the case of a child adopted by one of...

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- 10 An adoption does not affect the descent of any peerage...

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- 14 (1) Where a disposition depends on the date of birth...

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15 (1) A trustee or personal representative is not under a...

*Property devolving with peerages, etc.*

16 (1) This Schedule shall not affect the devolution of any...

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17 It is hereby declared that references in this Schedule to...

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2 .....

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3 .....

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4 .....

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1 In section 1(1)(b), for the words “one hundred pounds” there...

*Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act 1937 (c. 37)*

2 In section 12(1)(b) for the words “twenty-five pounds” there is...

3 .....

4—6 .....

*Marriage Act 1949 (c. 76)*

7 In section 3(1), after the words “shall be required” there...

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- 8 In Part I of Schedule 1— (a) after “Mother” there...  
9 In Schedule 2 in paragraph 2(b) after the words “deceased...”

*Maintenance Orders Act 1950 (c. 37)*

- 10 In section 15, after the words “Maintenance Orders (Reciprocal Enforcement)...  
11 In section 16(2)(a), after sub-paragraph (v) there are inserted the...  
12 .....

*Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953 (c. 20)*

- 13 (1) For “living new-born child” in each place where it...

*Affiliation Proceedings Act 1957 (c. 55)*

- 14 In section 5(2) there is inserted at the end the...  
15 .....

*Children Act 1958 (6 & 7 Eliz. 2 c. 65)*

- 16 In section 2, as it applies in England and Wales,—...  
17 .....  
18—20 .....  
21—40 .....

*County Courts Act 1959 (c. 22)*

- 41 In section 109(2) the following paragraph is inserted after paragraph...

*Children and Young Persons Act 1963 (c. 37)*

- 42 In section 49(1), for the words “twenty pounds” there are...

*Perpetuities and Accumulations Act 1964 (c. 55)*

- 43 In section 4, the following subsection is inserted at the...  
44, 45 .....

*Health Services and Public Health Act 1968 (c. 46)*

- 46 For section 64(3)(a) there is substituted— (a) “the relevant enactments”...  
47 For section 65(3)(b) there is substituted— (b) “the relevant enactments”...

*Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (c. 49)*

- 48 In section 2(2) (functions of the social work committee), the...  
49 For section 5(2) there is substituted— (2) The Secretary of...  
50 In section 6(1)(b), after sub-paragraph (ii) there is inserted the...  
51 In section 10— (a) in subsection (1), for the words...  
52 .....  
53 .....  
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- 57 .....
- 58 In section 69— (a) in subsection (1), at the end...
- 59 In section 70, at the end there are added the...
- 60 In section 7, for the words “one hundred pounds” there...
- 61, 62 .....
- 63 .....
- 64, 65 .....
- 66 .....

*Children and Young Persons Act 1969 (c. 54)*

- 67 In section 1(2) the following paragraph is inserted after paragraph...
- 68 The following section is inserted after section 11— Local authority...
- 69 In section 21— (a) the following subsection is inserted after...
- 70 The following section is inserted after section 21— Termination of...
- 71 In section 27— (a) in subsection (3), for the words...
- 72 In section 58(1), the following paragraph is inserted after paragraph...

*Administration of justice Act 1970 (c. 31)*

- 73 (1) In Schedule 1— (a) after “Appellate Business” there is...

*Local Authority Social Services Act 1970 (c. 42)*

- 74 In Schedule 1— (a) . . . . .

*Guardianship of Minors Act 1971 (c. 3)*

- 75 (1) In section 9— (a) in subsection (2) for “any...

*Attachment of Earnings Act 1971 (c. 32)*

- 76 In Schedule 1— (a) in paragraph 6, after the words...
- 77 .....

*Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 (c. 18)*

- 78 In section 44(1), for the words “custody of any person”...
- 79 In section 50(1), at the end of paragraph (e) there...

*Guardianship Act 1973 (c. 29)*

- 80 (1) In section 4(3) for the words from “the following...
- 81 In section 6(1), for “section 9 of the Guardianship of...
- 82 .....
- 83 .....

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