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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Section 68(1).

MINOR AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS ACTS

ACTS

1 F1

Textual Amendments

F1 Sch. 1 para. 1 repealed by [Court of Session Act 1988 \(c. 36, SIF 36:1\)](#), s. 52(2), **Sch. 2 Pt. I**

The Guardianship of Infants Act 1886 (c. 27)

F2 2

Textual Amendments

F2 Sch. 1 para. 2 repealed (4.11.1996) by [S.I. 1995/755 \(N.I. 2\)](#), art. 185(2), **Sch. 10**; [S.R. 1996/297](#), art. 2(2)

The Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1907 (c. 51)

3 In section 6 of the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1907, after the words “Act 1973” there shall be inserted the words “and Chapter III of Part I of the Family Law Act 1986”.

The Matrimonial Proceedings (Children) Act 1958 (c. 40)

4 In section 8(1) of the Matrimonial Proceedings (Children) Act 1958—
(a) for the words from “custody” to “jurisdiction” there shall be substituted the words “custody the court has power”;
(b) at the end there shall be added the words “ In this subsection “child” does not include a child with respect to whom the court has made an order under section 13(6) or 14(2) of the Family Law Act 1986 ”.

5 In section 9(1) of the said Act of 1958, for the words from “either forthwith” to “granted therein” there shall be substituted the words “, subject to section 13(2) of the Family Law Act 1986.”

6 In section 10(1) of the said Act of 1958, for the words from “custody” to “jurisdiction” there shall be substituted the words “custody the court has power”.

7 In section 11(1) of that Act, for the words from “custody” to “jurisdiction” there shall be substituted the words “custody the court has power”.

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The Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1966 (c. 19)

- 8 In section 8(6) of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1966, in the definition of “sheriff”—
 - (a) after the word “means” there shall be inserted the words—
 - “(a) in relation to an order under subsection (1)(a), (b) or (c) above or an order varying any such order”;
 - (b) at the end there shall be added the words—
 - “(b) in relation to an order mentioned in subsection (1)(d) above or an order varying any such order, the sheriff having jurisdiction under section 9, 10 or 12 of the Family Law Act 1986.”

The Domestic and Appellate Proceedings (Restriction of Publicity) Act 1968 (c. 63)

- 9 In section 2 of the Domestic and Appellate Proceedings (Restriction of Publicity) Act 1968 (restriction of publicity for certain proceedings)—
 - (a) in subsection (1) paragraph (a) shall cease to have effect and there shall be inserted at the end the following paragraph—
 - “(d) proceedings under Part III of the Family Law Act 1986”;
 - (b) in subsection (3) for the words “subsection (1)(a)” there shall be substituted the words “subsection (1)(d)”.

The Guardianship of Minors Act 1971 (c. 3)

F³10

Textual Amendments
 F3 Sch. 1 para. 10 repealed (14.10.1991) by Children Act 1989 (c. 41, SIF 20), s. 108, Sch. 15 (with Sch. 14 paras. 1(1), 27(4)); S.I. 1991/828, art. 3(2)

F⁴11

Textual Amendments
 F4 Sch. 1 para. 11 repealed (14.10.1991) by Children Act 1989 (c. 41, SIF 20), s. 108, Sch. 15 (with Sch. 14 paras. 1(1), 27(4)); S.I. 1991/828, art. 3(2)

12 In section 17 of that Act subsection (2) shall cease to have effect.

The Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 (c. 18)

F⁵13

Textual Amendments
 F5 Sch. 1 para. 13 repealed (14.10.1991) by Children Act 1989 (c. 41, SIF 20), s. 108, Sch. 15 (with Sch. 14 paras. 1(1), 27(4)); S.I. 1991/828, art. 3(2)

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14 In section 47 of that Act (declarations in respect of polygamous marriages), for subsection (3) there shall be substituted the following subsection—

“(3) In this section “a declaration concerning the validity of a marriage” means any declaration under Part III of the Family Law Act 1986 involving a determination as to the validity of a marriage”.

15 In section 50 of that Act (matrimonial causes rules)—

- (a) in subsection (1) at the end of paragraph (a) there shall be inserted the words “and Part III of the Family Law Act 1986”;
- (b) in subsection (2) in paragraph (a) for the words “38 or 45 above” there shall be substituted the words “or 38”, in paragraph (b) the words “proceedings in a county court under section 45 above or to” shall cease to have effect and in paragraph (c) the words “or to any aspect of section 47 above which is excepted by paragraph (b) above” shall cease to have effect.

The Guardianship Act 1973 (c. 29)

F⁶16

Textual Amendments

F6 Sch. 1 para. 16 repealed (14.10.1991) by [Children Act 1989 \(c. 41, SIF 20\)](#), s. 108, [Sch. 15](#) (with [Sch. 14 paras. 1\(1\), 27\(4\)](#)); S.I. 1991/828, [art. 3\(2\)](#)

F⁷17

Textual Amendments

F7 Sch. 1 para. 17 repealed (14.10.1991) by [Children Act 1989 \(c. 41, SIF 20\)](#), s. 108, [Sch. 15](#) (with [Sch. 14 paras. 1\(1\), 27\(4\)](#)); S.I. 1991/828, [art. 3\(2\)](#)

18 In section 10(3) of that Act, for the words from “any sheriff” to “1886” there shall be substituted the words “the sheriff court”.

The Children Act 1975 (c. 72)

19 In section 33(1) of the Children Act 1975 the words “if the child is in England or Wales at the time the application is made” shall cease to have effect.

F⁸20

Textual Amendments

F8 Sch. 1 para. 20 repealed (14.10.1991) by [Children Act 1989 \(c. 41, SIF 20\)](#), s. 108, [Sch. 15](#) (with [Sch. 14 paras. 1\(1\), 27\(4\)](#)); S.I. 1991/828, [art. 3\(2\)](#)

The Marriage (Scotland) Act 1977 (c. 15)

21 In proviso (ii) to section 3(5) of the Marriage (Scotland) Act 1977 (certificate as to capacity to marry)—

- (a) after the word “above” there shall be inserted the word “(a)”; and

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- (b) at the end there shall be added the words “or (b) if no such certificate has been issued only by reason of the fact that the validity of a divorce or annulment granted by a court of civil jurisdiction in Scotland or entitled to recognition in Scotland under section 44 or 45 of the Family Law Act 1986 is not recognised in the state in which the certificate would otherwise have been issued.”

22 In section 26(2) of the said Act of 1977 there shall be inserted in the appropriate alphabetical position the following definition—

“ “annulment” includes any decree or declarator of nullity of marriage, however expressed.”

The Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates’ Courts Act 1978 (c. 22)

^{F9}23

Textual Amendments

F9 Sch. 1 para. 23 repealed (14.10.1991) by [Children Act 1989 \(c. 41, SIF 20\)](#), s. 108, **Sch. 15** (with Sch. 14 paras. 1(1), 27(4)); S.I. 1991/828, **art. 3(2)**

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Textual Amendments

F10 Sch. 1 para. 24 repealed (22.4.2014) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), **Sch. 11 para. 210** Table; S.I. 2014/954, **art. 2(e)** (with art. 3) (with transitional provisions and savings in S.I. 2014/956, arts. 3-11)

The [^{F11}Senior Courts Act 1981] (c. 54)

Textual Amendments

F11 Words in Act substituted (1.10.2009) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), s. 148(1), **Sch. 11 para. 1(2)**; S.I. 2009/1604, **art. 2(d)**

25 In section 26(b) of the [^{F11}Senior Courts Act 1981] the words “or jactitation of marriage” shall cease to have effect.

26 In paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 to that Act (business assigned to Family Division of the High Court) there shall be added at the end the following sub-paragraph—
 “(e) applications under Part III of the Family Law Act 1986.”

The Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984 (c. 42)

27 In section 32 of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984 (what is family business), in the definition of “matrimonial cause” for the words “judicial separation or jactitation of marriage” there shall be substituted the words “or judicial separation”.

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The Child Abduction and Custody Act 1985 (c. 60)

28 In section 9 of the Child Abduction and Custody Act 1985 (suspension of court’s powers in cases of wrongful removal), after paragraph (a) there shall be inserted the following paragraph—

“(aa) enforcing under section 29 of the Family Law Act 1986 a custody order within the meaning of Chapter V of Part I of that Act;”.

29 In section 20(2) of the said Act of 1985 (suspension of court’s powers), after paragraph (a) there shall be inserted the following paragraph—

“(aa) in the case of proceedings under section 29 of the Family Law Act 1986 for the enforcement of a custody order within the meaning of Chapter V of Part I of that Act, enforce that order;”.

30 In section 27(1) of the said Act of 1985 (interpretation), in the definition of “custody order” after the word “means” there shall be inserted the words “(unless the contrary intention appears)”.

F1231

Textual Amendments

F12 Sch. 1 para. 31 repealed: (28.9.2009) by [Adoption and Children \(Scotland\) Act 2007 \(asp 4\)](#), s. 121(2), [sch. 3](#); [S.S.I. 2009/267](#), arts. 1(2), 2 (with arts. 3-21) (as amended (7.5.2012) by [S.S.I. 2012/99](#), art. 2); and (E.W.N.I.) (15.7.2011) by [The Adoption and Children \(Scotland\) Act 2007 \(Consequential Modifications\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/1740\)](#), art. 1(2), [Sch. 2 Pt. 3](#)

ORDERS

The Matrimonial Causes (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 S.I. 1978/1045 (N.I. 15)

F1332

Textual Amendments

F13 Sch. 1 para. 32 repealed (4.11.1996) by [S.I. 1995/755 \(N.I. 2\)](#), art. 185(2), [Sch. 10](#); [S.R. 1996/297](#), art. 2(2)

The Domestic Proceedings (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 S.I. 1980/563 (N.I. 5)

F1433

Textual Amendments

F14 Sch. 1 para. 33 repealed (4.11.1996) by [S.I. 1995/755 \(N.I. 2\)](#), art. 185(2), [Sch. 10](#); [S.R. 1996/297](#) art. 2(2)

34 In Article 32(1) of that Order, for the words “Without prejudice” there shall be substituted the words “Subject to section 19 of the Family Law Act 1986 and without prejudice”.

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SCHEDULE 2

Section 68(2).

REPEALS

Chapter	Short title	Extent of repeal
31 & 32 Vict. c. 20.	The Legitimacy Declaration Act (Ireland) 1868.	Section 2.
47 & 48 Vict. c. 20.	The Greek Marriages Act 1884.	The whole Act.
49 & 50 Vict. c. 27.	The Guardianship of Infants Act 1886.	In section 9, the words from “court within” to “reside”.
16 & 17 Geo.5. c. 40.	Indian and Colonial Divorce Jurisdiction Act 1926.	The whole Act.
3 & 4 Geo. 6. c. 35.	Indian and Colonial Divorce Jurisdiction Act 1940.	The whole Act.
7 & 8 Geo. 6. c. 43.	Matrimonial Causes (War Marriages) Act 1944.	The whole Act.
10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 30.	Indian Independence Act 1947.	Section 17.
11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 3.	Burma Independence Act 1947.	Section 4(3).
11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 7.	Ceylon Independence Act 1947.	Section 3. In Schedule 2, paragraph 9.
14 Geo. 6. c. 20.	Colonial and Other Territories (Divorce Jurisdiction) Act 1950.	The whole Act.
14 Geo. 6. c. 37.	The Maintenance Orders Act 1950.	Section 7.
6 & 7 Eliz. 2. c. 40.	The Matrimonial Proceedings (Children) Act 1958.	Section 13.
8 & 9 Eliz. 2. c. 52.	Cyprus Act 1960.	In the Schedule, paragraph 14.
8 & 9 Eliz. 2. c. 55.	Nigeria Independence Act 1960.	In Schedule 2, paragraph 14.
9 & 10 Eliz. 2. c. 16.	Sierra Leone Independence Act 1961.	In Schedule 3, paragraph 15.
10 & 11 Eliz. 2. c. 1.	Tanganyika Independence Act 1961.	In Schedule 2, paragraph 15.
10 & 11 Eliz. 2. c. 23.	South Africa Act 1962.	In Schedule 3, paragraph 9.
10 & 11 Eliz. 2. c. 40.	Jamaica Independence Act 1962.	In Schedule 2, paragraph 14.

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10 & 11 Eliz. 2. c. 54.	Trinidad and Tobago Independence Act 1962.	In Schedule 2, paragraph 14.
10 & 11 Eliz. 2. c. 57.	Uganda Independence Act 1962.	In Schedule 3, paragraph 13.
1963 c. 54.	Kenya Independence Act 1963.	Section 7.
1964 c. 46.	Malawi Independence Act 1964.	Section 6.
1964 c. 65.	Zambia Independence Act 1964.	Section 7.
1966 c. 19.	The Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1966.	In section 8(2), the words “made in a consistorial action”.
1966 c. 29.	Singapore Act 1966.	Section 2.
1968 c. 63.	The Domestic and Appellate Proceedings (Restriction of Publicity) Act 1968.	Section 2(1)(a).
1969 c. 29.	Tanzania Act 1969.	Section 2. In section 4(3), the words “or the Divorce Jurisdiction Acts”. Section 7(1).
1971 c. 3.	The Guardianship of Minors Act 1971.	Section 15(3) to (6). Section 17(2).
1971 c. 53.	Recognition of Divorces and Legal Separations Act 1971.	The whole Act.
1973 c. 18.	The Matrimonial Causes Act 1973.	Section 45. In section 50(2), in paragraph (b), the words “proceedings in a county court under section 45 above or to” and, in paragraph (c), the words “or to any aspect of section 47 above which is excepted by paragraph (b) above”.
1973 c. 29.	The Guardianship Act 1973.	In section 1(6), the words from “except that” to the end. In section 2(1), the words “15”, “and section 15(3) to (6)” and “they are”.

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		Section 5(3).
		In Schedule 2, in Part I, paragraph 3, and in Part II, the text of section 15(3) to (6) of the Guardianship of Minors Act 1971.
1973 c. 45.	Domicile and Matrimonial Proceedings Act 1973.	Section 2.
		Sections 15 and 16.
1973 c. 48.	The Pakistan Act 1973.	In section 4(5), the words from the beginning to “1940, and”.
1975 c. 72.	The Children Act 1975.	In section 33(1), the words from “if” to the end. In section 53(1), the words from “but where” to the end. Section 54. In section 100(8), the words “or 42”.
1981 c. 54.	The [F11Senior Courts Act 1981] .	In section 26(b), the words “or jactitation of marriage”.
1984 c. 42.	The Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984.	In Schedule 1, paragraph 14.
1985 c. 73.	The Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1985.	Section 16.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 2(1) substituted for s. 2(1)(2) by [1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 37\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. I repealed (except for paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) (13.5.2014) by Children and Families Act 2014 (c. 6), ss. 18(2)(e), 139(4))
- s. 2A(2) words substituted by [1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 37\(4\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. I repealed (except for paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) (13.5.2014) by Children and Families Act 2014 (c. 6), ss. 18(2)(e), 139(4))
- s. 2A(3) words substituted by [1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 37\(5\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. I repealed (except for paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) (13.5.2014) by Children and Families Act 2014 (c. 6), ss. 18(2)(e), 139(4))
- s. 2A(4) words substituted by [1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 37\(6\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. I repealed (except for paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) (13.5.2014) by Children and Families Act 2014 (c. 6), ss. 18(2)(e), 139(4))
- s. 3 words substituted by [1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 37\(7\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. I repealed (except for paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) (13.5.2014) by Children and Families Act 2014 (c. 6), ss. 18(2)(e), 139(4))
- s. 5(4) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/519 Sch. para. 15\(3\)\(d\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2019/519, Sch. para. 15(3)(d) amended (17.12.2020) by S.I. 2020/1574, regs. 1, 5(3)(f)(i))
- s. 5(4) words substituted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2019/519, Sch. para. 15(3)(d) by [S.I. 2019/1338 reg. 3\(3\)\(f\)\(i\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)
- s. 6(3A) substituted for s. 6(3A)(3B) by [1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 37\(8\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. I repealed (except for paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) (13.5.2014) by Children and Families Act 2014 (c. 6), ss. 18(2)(e), 139(4))
- s. 14(2) word omitted by [S.S.I. 2010/213 Sch. para. 3\(1\)\(a\)](#) (This amendment comes into force on the day on which the Convention enters into force for the United Kingdom, see reg. 1(2). 1.11.2012 is the date notified in the Gazettes for the entering into force of the Convention)
- s. 19 heading words inserted by [S.I. 2005/3336 art. 11](#)
- s. 22(4) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/519 Sch. para. 15\(5\)\(c\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2019/519, Sch. para. 15(5)(c) amended (17.12.2020) by S.I. 2020/1574, regs. 1, 5(3)(f)(ii))
- s. 22(4) words substituted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2019/519, Sch. para. 15(5)(c) by [S.I. 2019/1338 reg. 3\(3\)\(f\)\(ii\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)
- s. 31(2) words inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 29\(3\)](#)
- s. 42(2) words substituted by [1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 37\(10\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. I repealed (except for paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) (13.5.2014) by Children and Families Act 2014 (c. 6), ss. 18(2)(e), 139(4))
- s. 51(4) words inserted by [1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 37\(11\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. I repealed (except for paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) (13.5.2014) by Children and Families Act 2014 (c. 6), ss. 18(2)(e), 139(4))

- Sch. 1 para. 27 repealed by [1996 c. 27 Sch. 10](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Entry in Sch. 10 repealed (13.5.2014) by the virtue of Children and Families Act 2014 (c. 6), ss. 18(2)(j), 139(4))

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:
Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 1(1)(ca)-(cc) inserted by [2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 7](#)
- s. 2A(1)(1A) substituted for s. 2(1) by [1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 37\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. I repealed (except for paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) (13.5.2014) by Children and Families Act 2014 (c. 6), ss. 18(2)(e), 139(4))
- s. 19(1A)-(1C) inserted by [2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 8](#)
- s. 29A inserted by [2020 asp 16 s. 29\(2\)](#)
- s. 38(4) inserted by [1996 c. 27 Sch. 8 para. 37\(9\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 8 Pt. I repealed (except for paras. 4, 16(1)(5)(a)(6)(b)(7)) (13.5.2014) by Children and Families Act 2014 (c. 6), ss. 18(2)(e), 139(4))