



# Child Support Act 1995

## CHAPTER 34

### CHILD SUPPORT ACT 1995

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- 10 The child maintenance bonus.

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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1 — Departure Directions

The following Schedule is inserted in the 1991 Act, after...

SCHEDULE 2 — Departure Directions: The Cases and Controls

The following Schedule is inserted in the 1991 Act, after...

SCHEDULE 3 — Minor and Consequential Amendments

*Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 (c. 1)*

- 1 In section 617(2) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act...

*Child Support Act 1991 (c. 48)*

- 2 The 1991 Act is amended as follows.
- 3 (1) In section 14 (information required by Secretary of State),...
- 4 .....
- 5 .....
- 6 .....
- 7 (1) Section 24 (appeal to Child Support Commissioner) is amended...
- 8 (1) In section 25 (appeal from Child Support Commissioner on...
- 9 In section 30 (collection and enforcement of maintenance payments other...
- 10 In section 33 (liability orders), at the end add—
- 11 In section 41 (retention by Secretary of State of arrears...
- 12 In section 46(5) (circumstances in which child support officer may...
- 13 In section 47 (fees), in subsections (1) and (2) in...
- 14 In section 48(1) (power of Secretary of State to confer...
- 15 In section 52(2) (statutory instruments subject to affirmative resolution control)—...
- 16 In section 54 (interpretation), insert the following definitions in the...
- 17 .....

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- 18 (1) In Schedule 4 (Child Support Commissioners), after paragraph 2...
- 19 (1) In paragraph 3(2) of Schedule 5 (amendment of the...

*Social Security Administration Act 1992 (c. 5)*

- 20 In section 170(5) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992...

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- Sch. 3 para. 10 repealed by [2008 c. 6 Sch. 8](#)