



Family Law Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER 27

PART II

DIVORCE AND SEPARATION

PROSPECTIVE

Court orders

^{F12} Divorce and separation.

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Textual Amendments

F1 Pt. II repealed (except for s. 22) (13.5.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\), ss. 18\(1\), 139\(4\)](#)

^{F13} Circumstances in which orders are made.

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Textual Amendments

F1 Pt. II repealed (except for s. 22) (13.5.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\), ss. 18\(1\), 139\(4\)](#)

^{F14} Conversion of separation order into divorce order.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Pt. II repealed (except for s. 22) (13.5.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\), ss. 18\(1\), 139\(4\)](#)

PROSPECTIVE

Marital breakdown

^{F1}5 Marital breakdown.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Pt. II repealed (except for s. 22) (13.5.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\), ss. 18\(1\), 139\(4\)](#)

^{F1}6 Statement of marital breakdown.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Pt. II repealed (except for s. 22) (13.5.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\), ss. 18\(1\), 139\(4\)](#)

VALID FROM 13/05/2014

Reflection and consideration

PROSPECTIVE

^{F1}7 Period for reflection and consideration.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Pt. II repealed (except for s. 22) (13.5.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\), ss. 18\(1\), 139\(4\)](#)

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^{F1}8 Attendance at information meetings.

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Textual Amendments

F1 Pt. II repealed (except for s. 22) (13.5.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\)](#), ss. **18(1)**, **139(4)**

9 Arrangements for the future.

- (1) The requirements as to the parties' arrangements for the future are as follows.
- (2) One of the following must be produced to the court—
 - (a) a court order (made by consent or otherwise) dealing with their financial arrangements;
 - (b) a negotiated agreement as to their financial arrangements;
 - (c) a declaration by both parties that they have made their financial arrangements;
 - (d) a declaration by one of the parties (to which no objection has been notified to the court by the other party) that—
 - (i) he has no significant assets and does not intend to make an application for financial provision;
 - (ii) he believes that the other party has no significant assets and does not intend to make an application for financial provision; and
 - (iii) there are therefore no financial arrangements to be made.
- (3) ^{F2}
- (4) ^{F2}
- (5) The requirements of section 11 must have been satisfied.
- (6) Schedule 1 supplements the provisions of this section.
- (7) If the court is satisfied, on an application made by one of the parties after the end of the period for reflection and consideration, that the circumstances of the case are—
 - (a) those set out in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1,
 - (b) those set out in paragraph 2 of that Schedule,
 - (c) those set out in paragraph 3 of that Schedule, or
 - (d) those set out in paragraph 4 of that Schedule,it may make a divorce order or a separation order even though the requirements of subsection (2) have not been satisfied.

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Textual Amendments

- F2** S. 9(3)(4) repealed (24.2.2003) by 2002 c. 27, ss. 1(7), 2(2); S.I. 2003/186, **art. 2**
F3 S. 9(8) repealed (1.12.2000) by 1999 c. 30, s. 88, **Sch. 13 Pt. II**; S.I. 2000/1116, **art. 2(g)**

PROSPECTIVE

Orders preventing divorce

^{F1}10 Hardship: orders preventing divorce.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Pt. II repealed (except for s. 22) (13.5.2014) by Children and Families Act 2014 (c. 6), **ss. 18(1), 139(4)**

PROSPECTIVE

Welfare of children

^{F1}11 Welfare of children.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Pt. II repealed (except for s. 22) (13.5.2014) by Children and Families Act 2014 (c. 6), **ss. 18(1), 139(4)**

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Supplementary

^{F1}12 Rules about procedure

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Textual Amendments

F1 Pt. II repealed (except for s. 22) (13.5.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\), ss. 18\(1\), 139\(4\)](#)

PROSPECTIVE

Resolution of disputes

F1 13 **Directions with respect to mediation.**

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Textual Amendments

F1 Pt. II repealed (except for s. 22) (13.5.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\), ss. 18\(1\), 139\(4\)](#)

F1 14 **Adjournments.**

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Textual Amendments

F1 Pt. II repealed (except for s. 22) (13.5.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\), ss. 18\(1\), 139\(4\)](#)

PROSPECTIVE

Financial provision

F1 15 **Financial arrangements.**

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Textual Amendments

F1 Pt. II repealed (except for s. 22) (13.5.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\), ss. 18\(1\), 139\(4\)](#)

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Textual Amendments

F4 S. 16 repealed (1.12.2000) by 1999 c. 30, s. 88, **Sch. 13 Pt. II**; S.I. 2000/1116, **art. 2(g)**

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Textual Amendments

F5 S. 17 repealed (6.4.2002) by 1999 c. 30, s. 88, **Sch. 13 Pt. II**; S.I. 2001/4049, **art. 2(3)(c)**

F1 **18** **Grounds for financial provision orders in magistrates' courts.**

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Textual Amendments

F1 Pt. II repealed (except for s. 22) (13.5.2014) by **Children and Families Act 2014 (c. 6), ss. 18(1), 139(4)**

PROSPECTIVE

Jurisdiction and commencement of proceedings

F1 **19** **Jurisdiction in relation to divorce and separation.**

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Textual Amendments

F1 Pt. II repealed (except for s. 22) (13.5.2014) by **Children and Families Act 2014 (c. 6), ss. 18(1), 139(4)**

F1 **20** **Time when proceedings for divorce or separation begin.**

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Textual Amendments

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Intestacy

^{F1}21 Intestacy: effect of separation.

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Textual Amendments

F1 Pt. II repealed (except for s. 22) (13.5.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\), ss. 18\(1\), 139\(4\)](#)

Marriage support services

22 Funding for marriage support services.

- (1) The Lord Chancellor may, with the approval of the Treasury, make grants in connection with—
 - (a) the provision of marriage support services;
 - (b) research into the causes of marital breakdown;
 - (c) research into ways of preventing marital breakdown.
- (2) Any grant under this section may be made subject to such conditions as the Lord Chancellor considers appropriate.
- (3) In exercising his power to make grants in connection with the provision of marriage support services, the Lord Chancellor is to have regard, in particular, to the desirability of services of that kind being available when they are first needed.

PROSPECTIVE

^{F1}23 Provision of marriage counselling.

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Textual Amendments

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Interpretation

F124 Interpretation of Part II etc.

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Textual Amendments

F1 Pt. II repealed (except for s. 22) (13.5.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\), ss. 18\(1\), 139\(4\)](#)

F125 Connected proceedings.

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Textual Amendments

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