



# Family Law Act 1996

## 1996 CHAPTER 27

### PART II

#### DIVORCE AND SEPARATION

PROSPECTIVE

#### *Court orders*

#### **<sup>F12</sup> 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 II repealed (except for s. 22) (13.5.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\), ss. 18\(1\), 139\(4\)](#)

#### **<sup>F13</sup> 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 II repealed (except for s. 22) (13.5.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\), ss. 18\(1\), 139\(4\)](#)

#### **<sup>F14</sup> Conversion of separation order into divorce order.**

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**Textual Amendments**

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PROSPECTIVE

*Marital breakdown*

**F15 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 II repealed (except for s. 22) (13.5.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\), ss. 18\(1\), 139\(4\)](#)

**F16 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 II repealed (except for s. 22) (13.5.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\), ss. 18\(1\), 139\(4\)](#)

*Reflection and consideration*

PROSPECTIVE

**F17 Period for reflection and consideration.**

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**Textual Amendments**

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PROSPECTIVE

**F18 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 II repealed (except for s. 22) (13.5.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\)](#), **ss. 18(1), 139(4)**

**F19 Arrangements for the future.**  
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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 II repealed (except for s. 22) (13.5.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\)](#), **ss. 18(1), 139(4)**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

*Orders preventing divorce*

**F110 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 II repealed (except for s. 22) (13.5.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\)](#), **ss. 18(1), 139(4)**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*

**F111 Welfare of children.**  
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PROSPECTIVE

*Supplementary*

**<sup>F1</sup>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*

**<sup>F1</sup>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)**

**<sup>F1</sup>14 Adjournments.**

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**Textual Amendments**

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PROSPECTIVE

*Financial provision*

**F<sup>1</sup>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)

**F<sup>2</sup>16** .....

**Textual Amendments**

**F2** S. 16 repealed (1.12.2000) by 1999 c. 30, s. 88, Sch. 13 Pt. II; S.I. 2000/1116, art. 2(g)

**F<sup>3</sup>17** .....

**Textual Amendments**

**F3** S. 17 repealed (6.4.2002) by 1999 c. 30, s. 88, Sch. 13 Pt. II; S.I. 2001/4049, art. 2(3)(c)

**F<sup>1</sup>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*

**F<sup>1</sup>19 Jurisdiction in relation to divorce and separation.**

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

**<sup>F1</sup>20 Time when proceedings for divorce or separation begin.**

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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

*Intestacy*

**<sup>F1</sup>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 [<sup>F4</sup>Secretary of State] 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 [<sup>F4</sup>Secretary of State] considers appropriate.
- (3) In exercising his power to make grants in connection with the provision of marriage support services, the [<sup>F4</sup>Secretary of State] is to have regard, in particular, to the desirability of services of that kind being available when they are first needed.

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**Textual Amendments**

- F4** Words in s. 22 substituted (12.1.2004) by [The Transfer of Functions \(Children, Young People and Families\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/3191\)](#), art. 6, **Sch. para. 2**

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 22: functions transferred (12.1.2004) by [The Transfer of Functions \(Children, Young People and Families\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/3191\)](#), **arts. 3, 4**

PROSPECTIVE

**<sup>F1</sup>23** **Provision of marriage counselling.**

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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

*Interpretation*

**<sup>F1</sup>24** **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)**

**<sup>F1</sup>25** **Connected proceedings.**

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**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. 63(2)(k) inserted by [2021 c. 17 s. 52\(2\)](#)