



Civil Procedure Act 1997

1997 CHAPTER 12

General

9 Interpretation.

- (1) A court the practice and procedure of which is governed by Civil Procedure Rules is referred to in this Act as being “within the scope” of the rules; and references to a court outside the scope of the rules are to be read accordingly.
- (2) In this Act—
 - “enactment” includes an enactment contained in subordinate legislation (within the meaning of the ^{M1}Interpretation Act 1978), and
 - “practice directions” means directions as to the practice and procedure of any court within the scope of Civil Procedure Rules.

Marginal Citations

M1 1978 c. 30.

10 Minor and consequential amendments.

Schedule 2 (which makes minor and consequential amendments) is to have effect.

Commencement Information

II **S. 10** wholly in force at 26.4.1999; **s. 10** not in force at Royal Assent see **s. 11(2)**; **s. 10** in force at 14.3.1997 and 27.4.1997 for specified purposes by **S.I. 1997/841**, **arts. 2, 3, 4** and otherwise in force at 26.4.1999 by **S.I. 1999/1009**, **art. 3**

11 Short title, commencement and extent.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Civil Procedure Act 1997.

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- (2) Sections 1 to 10 are to come into force on such day as the Lord Chancellor may by order made by statutory instrument appoint, and different days may be appointed for different purposes.
- (3) This Act extends to England and Wales only.

Subordinate Legislation Made

- P1** [S. 11\(2\)](#) power partly exercised (14.3.1997): 14.3.1997 and 27.4.1997 appointed for specified provisions by [S.I. 1997/841](#), [art. 3](#)
- [S. 11\(2\)](#) power partly exercised (25.3.1997): 26.4.1999 appointed for specified provisions by [S.I. 1999/1009](#), [art. 3](#)

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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. 1(4) inserted by [2022 c. 35 Sch. 4 para. 2\(2\)](#)
- s. 3(3)(4) substituted by [2005 c. 4 Sch. 4 para. 265\(2\)](#) (This amendment is made to s. 3 as prospectively amended by 2003 c. 39, s. 85(2). Although it is in force at 3.4.2006 by S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2(a), Sch. 1 para. 11(v), it cannot be applied until the substitution of s. 3 has been brought into force)
- s. 3(5) words substituted by [2005 c. 4 Sch. 4 para. 265\(3\)](#) (This amendment is made to s. 3 as prospectively amended by 2003 c. 39, s. 85(2). Although it is in force at 3.4.2006 by S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2(a), Sch. 1 para. 11(v), it cannot be applied until the substitution of s. 3 has been brought into force)
- s. 3(6) words repealed by [2005 c. 4 Sch. 4 para. 265\(4\)Sch. 18 Pt. 2](#) (This amendment is made to s. 3 as prospectively amended by 2003 c. 39, s. 85(2). Although it is in force at 3.4.2006 by S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2(a), Sch. 1 paras. 11(v), 30(b), it cannot be applied until the substitution of s. 3 has been brought into force)
- s. 3(7) repealed by [2005 c. 4 Sch. 4 para. 265\(5\)Sch. 18 Pt. 2](#) (This amendment is made to s. 3 as prospectively amended by 2003 c. 39, s. 85(2). Although it is in force at 3.4.2006 by S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2(a), Sch. 1 paras. 11(v), 30(b), it cannot be applied until the substitution of s. 3 has been brought into force)
- s. 5(7) inserted by [2022 c. 35 Sch. 4 para. 2\(3\)](#)