

These notes refer to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 (c.22) which received Royal Assent on 13 November 2008

HUMAN FERTILISATION AND EMBRYOLOGY ACT 2008

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 2: Parenthood in Cases Involving Assisted Reproduction

Section 48: Effect of sections 33 to 47

184. [Section 48](#) further explains the effect of the provisions of sections 33 to 47. Where these provisions treat a person as the mother, father or parent of a child, or as not being the parent of the child, this status will apply for all legal purposes. However if a deceased man or woman is treated as the father or parent of a child under sections 39, 40 and 46 this will only apply for the purpose of birth registration and will not apply for any other purpose.
185. As with the corresponding provisions of the 1990 Act, the new parenthood provisions do not affect the succession to any dignity or title of honour in England, Wales and Northern Ireland or to any property or rights that devolve with a dignity or title of that honour. This section also makes similar provision for Scotland.