



# Child Poverty Act 2010

## 2010 CHAPTER 9

### PART 3

#### MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

##### *General*

#### 27 General interpretation

(1) In this Act—

“child” means—

- (a) a person under the age of 16, or
- (b) a person who is a qualifying young person for the purposes of Part 9 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 or Part 9 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (child benefit);

“parent” means—

- (a) any individual who has parental responsibility for a child, or
- (b) any other individual with whom a child resides and who has care of the child;

“prescribed” means prescribed by regulations;

“regulations” means regulations made by the Secretary of State under this Act.

(2) In paragraph (a) of the definition of “parent” in subsection (1), the reference to “parental responsibility”—

- (a) in relation to England and Wales, is to be read in accordance with the Children Act 1989,
- (b) in relation to Northern Ireland, is to be read in accordance with the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, and
- (c) in relation to Scotland, is to be read as a reference to parental responsibilities within the meaning of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995.