



Maintenance Orders Act 1958

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PART I

REGISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND VARIATION OF CERTAIN MAINTENANCE ORDERS

2 Registration of orders. **E+W**

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- (2) Where an application for the registration of such an order is granted—
 - (a) no proceedings shall be begun, and no writ, warrant or other process shall be issued, for the enforcement of the order before the registration of the order or the expiration of the prescribed period from the grant of the application, whichever first occurs; and
 - (b) the [^{F2}High Court] shall, on being satisfied within the period aforesaid by the person who made the application that no such proceedings or process begun or issued before the grant of the application remain pending or in force, cause a certified copy of the order to be [^{F3}sent to the family court];but if at the expiration of the period aforesaid the [^{F2}High Court] has not been so satisfied, the grant of the application shall become void.

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- (5) [^{F6}An officer of the family court] who receives a certified copy of an order sent to [^{F7}the court] under this section shall cause the order to be registered in that court.

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(6ZA) Where a High Court^{F10} ... order is registered under this Part of this Act in [^{F11}the family] court, then—

- (a) if a means of payment order (within the meaning of section 1(7) of the Maintenance Enforcement Act 1991) has effect in relation to the order in question, it shall continue to have effect after registration;^{F12} ...

^{F12}(b)

^{F13}(6ZB)

(6ZC) Where by virtue of the provisions of this section^{F14} ... payments under an order cease to be or become payable to [^{F15}the family court], the person liable to make the payments shall, until he is given the prescribed notice to that effect, be deemed to comply with the order if he makes payments in accordance with the order and any order under subsection (6ZA)(b) of this section of which he has received such notice.]

^{F16}(6A) In this section—

“High Court order” includes a maintenance order deemed to be made by the High Court by virtue of section 1(2) above,^{F17} ...
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- (7) In this section “certified copy” in relation to an order of a court means a copy certified by the proper officer of the court to be a true copy of the order or of the official record thereof.

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- F5** S. 2(3A)(3B) inserted by [Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982 \(c. 27, SIF 45:3\), ss. 37\(1\), 52, Sch. 11 Pt. I para. 2\(3\)](#)
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- F9** S. 2(6)-(6ZC) substituted (E.W.) (1.4.1992) for s. 2(6) by [Maintenance Enforcement Act 1991 \(c. 17\)](#), [SIF 49:3](#), s. 10, [Sch. 1 para. 7](#); [S.I. 1992/455](#), art. 2.
- F10** Words in s. 2(6ZA) omitted (22.4.2014) by virtue of [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), [Sch. 10 para. 5\(6\)\(a\)\(i\)](#); [S.I. 2014/954](#), art. 2(d) (with art. 3) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2014/956](#), arts. 3-11)
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- s. 2 amended by [1999 c. 22 Sch. 13 para. 2526](#)
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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2018/1125 reg. 8](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S.I. 2018/1125, reg. 8 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Act 2020 (c. 24), s. 4(3), Sch. 5 para. 4(4))