



Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984

1984 CHAPTER 42

PART III

FINANCIAL RELIEF IN ENGLAND AND WALES AFTER OVERSEAS DIVORCE ETC.

Interpretation

27 Interpretation of Part III.

In this Part of this Act—

“the 1973 Act” means the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973;

“child of the family” has the same meaning as in section 52(1) of the 1973 Act;

“the court” means the High Court or [^{F1}the family court];

“dwelling-house” includes any building or part thereof which is occupied as a dwelling, and any yard, garden, garage or outhouse belonging to the dwelling-house and occupied therewith;

“order for financial relief” has the meaning given by section 12(4) above;

“overseas country” means a country or territory outside the British Islands;

“possession” includes receipt of, or the right to receive, rents and profits;

“property adjustment order” means such an order as is specified in section 24(1)(a), (b), (c) or (d) of the 1973 Act;

“rent” does not include mortgage interest;

“secured periodical payments order” means such an order as is specified in section 23(1)(b) or (e) of the 1973 Act.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984, Cross Heading: Interpretation. (See end of Document for details)*

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 27 substituted (22.4.2014) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), [Sch. 11 para. 88](#); [S.I. 2014/954, art. 2\(e\)](#) (with [art. 3](#)) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2014/956](#), arts. 3-11)

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