



Child Abduction and Custody Act 1985

1985 CHAPTER 60

An Act to enable the United Kingdom to ratify two international Conventions relating respectively to the civil aspects of international child abduction and to the recognition and enforcement of custody decisions. [25th July 1985]

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Commencement Information

II Act not in force at Royal Assent see [s. 29\(2\)](#); Act wholly in force at 1.8.1986

Changes to legislation:

Child Abduction and Custody Act 1985, Introductory Text is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 15 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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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):

- [Sch. 3 para. 8\(ba\) inserted by 2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 3\(a\)](#)