



Matrimonial Causes Act 1973

1973 CHAPTER 18

PART II

FINANCIAL RELIEF FOR PARTIES TO MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN OF FAMILY

Additional provisions with respect to financial provision and property adjustment orders

30 Direction for settlement of instrument for securing payments or effecting property adjustment.

Where the court decides to make a financial provision order requiring any payments to be secured or a property adjustment order—

- (a) it may direct that the matter be referred to one of the conveyancing counsel of the court for him to settle a proper instrument to be executed by all necessary parties; and
- (b) where the order is to be made in proceedings for divorce, nullity of marriage or judicial separation it may, if it thinks fit, defer the [^{F1}making of the divorce, nullity of marriage or judicial separation order] until the instrument has been duly executed.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 30(b) substituted (6.4.2022) by [Divorce, Dissolution and Separation Act 2020 \(c. 11\)](#), s. 8(1)(8), [Sch. para. 28](#) (with s. 8(4)(5)(6)); S.I. 2022/283, reg. 2

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** [S. 30](#) extended except para. (b), by [Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984 \(c. 42, SIF 49:3\)](#), [ss. 21\(e\)](#), 48(2)

Changes to legislation:

Matrimonial Causes Act 1973, Section 30 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 27 June 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 :

- s. 30 repealed in part by [1996 c. 27 Sch. 10](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Entries in Sch. 10 repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(2)(j))

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):

- s. 11(a)(iia) inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 75\(4\)](#)
- s. 25B(2)(c) added by [1996 c. 27 s. 16\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 16 repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being in force by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(1))
- s. 25B(8)(9) added by [1996 c. 27 s. 16\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 16 repealed (13.5.2014) without ever being in force by 2014 c. 6, s. 18(1))