



# Family Law (Scotland) Act 1985

## 1985 CHAPTER 37

### *Aliment*

#### **3 Powers of court in action for aliment.**

- (1) The court may, if it thinks fit, grant decree in an action for aliment, and in granting such decree shall have power—
  - (a) to order the making of periodical payments, whether for a definite or an indefinite period or until the happening of a specified event;
  - (b) to order the making of alimentary payments of an occasional or special nature, including payments in respect of inlying, funeral or educational expenses;
  - (c) to backdate an award of aliment under this Act—
    - (i) to the date of the bringing of the action or to such later date as the court thinks fit; or
    - (ii) on special cause shown, to a date prior to the bringing of the action;
  - (d) to award less than the amount claimed even if the claim is undisputed.
- (2) Nothing in subsection (1) above shall empower the court to substitute a lump sum for a periodical payment.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Family Law (Scotland) Act 1985, Section 3.