



Family Law Reform Act 1987

1987 CHAPTER 42

PART II

RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF PARENTS ETC.

Parental rights and duties where parents not married

4 Parental rights and duties of father

- (1) Where the father and mother of a child were not married to each other at the time of his birth, the court may, on the application of the father, order that he shall have all the parental rights and duties with respect to the child.
- (2) Where the father of a child is given all the parental rights and duties by an order under this section, he shall, subject to any order made by the court otherwise than under this section, have those rights and duties jointly with the mother of the child or, if the mother is dead, jointly with any guardian of the child appointed under the 1971 Act.
- (3) An order under this section may be discharged by a subsequent order made on the application of the father or mother of the child or, if the mother is dead, any guardian of the child appointed under the 1971 Act.
- (4) This section and the 1971 Act shall be construed as if this section were contained in that Act.