



# Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990

## 1990 CHAPTER 37

An Act to make provision in connection with human embryos and any subsequent development of such embryos; to prohibit certain practices in connection with embryos and gametes; to establish a Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority; to make provision about the persons who in certain circumstances are to be treated in law as the parents of a child; and to amend the Surrogacy Arrangements Act 1985. [1st November 1990]

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:—

### **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** Act modified (temp.) by [S.I. 1991/1400, art.3](#)  
Act modified by [S.I. 1991/1400, art. 4\(3\)](#)  
Act referred to (S.) (1.4.1997) by [S.I. 1997/291, rules 2.45-2.59](#) (Ch. 2 Pt. VI)
- C2** Act applied (with modifications) (1.10.2009) by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Consequential Amendments and Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1892\), Sch. 4 paras. 1-12](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990, Introductory Text is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 28 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.