



# Child Support Act 1991

## 1991 CHAPTER 48

An Act to make provision for the [<sup>F1</sup>calculation], collection and enforcement of periodical maintenance payable by certain parents with respect to children of theirs who are not in their care; for the collection and enforcement of certain other kinds of maintenance; and for connected purposes. [25th July 1991]

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:—

### Extent Information

**E1** Act: for extent see s. 58(8)-(11)

### Textual Amendments

**F1** Word in Act substituted (3.3.2003 for specified purposes) by [Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000 \(c. 19\)](#), **ss. 1(2)(b)**, 86(1)(a)(2) (with **ss. 28, 83(6)**); S.I. 2003/192, art. 3, Sch.

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

**C1** Act applied (18.6.1992) by [The Child Support \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1991 \(S.I. 1991/2628\)](#), arts. 16(4), 49, **Sch. 2**; S.R. 1992/278, art.2, **Sch.**

**C2** Act applied (4.9.1995) by [Child Support Act 1995 \(c. 34\)](#), **s. 27**; S.I. 1995/2302, art. 2, Sch. Pt. 1

**C3** Act: definition of "maintenance assessment" extended (7.10.1996) by [The Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996 \(S.I. 1996/207\)](#), **reg. 125**

**C4** Act modified (8.9.1998) by [Social Security Act 1998 \(c. 14\)](#), **ss. 2(2)(d)**, 87(2); S.I. 1998/2209, art. 2, Sch. Pt. 1

**C5** Act: power to amend conferred (2.12.1999) by [Northern Ireland Act 1998 \(c. 47\)](#), **s. 87(4)-(6)** (with s. 95, Sch. 14); S.I. 1999/3209, art. 2, Sch.

**C6** Act: power to modify conferred (10.6.2008) by [Child Maintenance and Other Payments Act 2008 \(c. 6\)](#), **ss. 59(2)**, 62(3); S.I. 2008/1476, art. 2(6)

**C7** Act modified (temp.) (10.6.2008) by [Child Maintenance and Other Payments Act 2008 \(c. 6\)](#), **ss. 59(1)**, 62(3); S.I. 2008/1476, art. 2(6)

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- C8** Act power to apply (with modifications) conferred (24.7.2008) by Child Maintenance and Other Payments Act 2008 (c. 6), **ss. 6(4)**, 62(3); S.I. 2008/2033, art. 2(1)
- C9** Act functions transferred (1.11.2008) by Child Maintenance and Other Payments Act 2008 (c. 6), **ss. 13**, 62(3) (with Sch. 3 Pt. 2); S.I. 2008/2675, art. 3(b) (with art. 4)
- C10** Act applied (with modifications) (1.10.2010) by The Employment and Support Allowance (Transitional Provisions, Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit) (Existing Awards) (No. 2) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/1907), reg. 16(2)(c), **Sch. 2**
- C11** Act modified (30.6.2014) by The Child Support (Ending Liability in Existing Cases and Transition to New Calculation Rules) Regulations 2014 (S.I. 2014/614), **reg. 7**
- C12** Act applied in part (13.3.2014 for specified purposes, 30.6.2014 in so far as not already in force) by The Child Support Fees Regulations 2014 (S.I. 2014/612), **reg. 13**; S.I. 2014/1635, art. 4

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