



# Child Support Act 1991

## 1991 CHAPTER 48

### *Collection and enforcement*

#### [<sup>F1</sup>32F Lump sum deductions: final orders

- (1) The [<sup>F2</sup>Secretary of State] may make an order under this section in pursuance of a proposal specified in an order under section 32E if—
- (a) the order in which the proposal was specified (“the interim order”) is in force;
  - (b) the period prescribed for the making of representations to the [<sup>F2</sup>Secretary of State] in respect of the proposal specified in the interim order has expired; and
  - (c) the [<sup>F2</sup>Secretary of State] has considered any representations made to [<sup>F2</sup>the Secretary of State] during that period.
- (2) An order under this section—
- (a) shall be expressed to be directed at the deposit-taker or third party at which the interim order was directed;
  - (b) if the interim order was made by virtue of section 32E(1)(a), shall specify the account specified in the interim order; and
  - (c) shall specify the amount of arrears of child support maintenance in respect of which it is made.
- (3) The amount so specified—
- (a) shall not exceed the amount of arrears specified in the interim order which remain unpaid at the time at which the order under this section is made; and
  - (b) if the order is made in respect of a joint account, shall not exceed the amount that appears to the Commission to be fair in all the circumstances.
- (4) In determining the amount to be specified in an order made in respect of a joint account the [<sup>F3</sup>Secretary of State] shall have particular regard—
- (a) to the amount contributed to the account by each of the account-holders; and
  - (b) to such other matters as may be prescribed.

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- (5) An order under this section may specify an amount of arrears due under a maintenance calculation which is the subject of an appeal only if it appears to the [<sup>F3</sup>Secretary of State]—
- (a) that liability for the amount would not be affected were the appeal to succeed; or
  - (b) where paragraph (a) does not apply, that the making of an order under this section in respect of the amount would nonetheless be fair in all the circumstances.
- (6) The [<sup>F4</sup>Secretary of State] shall serve a copy of any order made under this section on—
- (a) the deposit-taker or third party at which it is directed;
  - (b) the liable person; and
  - (c) if the order is made in respect of a joint account, the other account-holders.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 32E-32K inserted (1.6.2009 for specified purposes, 3.8.2009 in so far as not already in force) by [Child Maintenance and Other Payments Act 2008 \(c. 6\), ss. 23, 62\(3\); S.I. 2009/1314, art. 2\(1\)\(b\)](#)
- F2** Words in s. 32F(1) substituted (1.8.2012) by [The Public Bodies \(Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2007\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 38(a)**
- F3** Words in s. 32F(4)(5) substituted (1.8.2012) by [The Public Bodies \(Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2007\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 38(b)**
- F4** Words in s. 32F(6) substituted (1.8.2012) by [The Public Bodies \(Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission: Abolition and Transfer of Functions\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2007\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 38(b)**

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

- C1** S. 32F modified (10.6.2008) by [Child Maintenance and Other Payments Act 2008 \(c. 6\), s. 59\(4\)\(5\); S.I. 2008/1476, art. 2\(6\)](#)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Act applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2010/875 reg. 16Sch. 2](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 4(3A)(3B) inserted by [2023 c. 24 s. 1\(2\)](#)
- s. 4(4)(d) and word inserted by [2023 c. 24 s. 1\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 6(2A) inserted by [2008 c. 6 Sch. 3 para. 4\(2\)](#)
- s. 7(4A)(4B) inserted by [2023 c. 24 s. 2\(2\)](#)
- s. 7(5)(d) and word inserted by [2023 c. 24 s. 2\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 9A inserted by [2012 c. 5 s. 138](#)
- s. 9A(1)(2) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2012 c. 5 s. 138 by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 107\(2\)](#)
- s. 9A(3) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2012 c. 5 s. 138 by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 107\(2\)](#)
- s. 9A(5) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2012 c. 5 s. 138 by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 107\(3\)](#)
- s. 9A(6) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2012 c. 5 s. 138 by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 107\(4\)](#)
- s. 20(1)(ba) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2008 c. 6 Sch. 7 para. 1(3) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 97\(2\)](#)
- s. 20(1)(ba) inserted by [2008 c. 6 Sch. 7 para. 1\(3\)](#)
- s. 20(2)(aa) inserted by [2008 c. 6 Sch. 7 para. 1\(4\)](#)
- s. 20(3A)(3B) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2012 c. 5 s. Sch. 11 para. 6(2) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 108\(3\)](#)
- s. 20(5A) inserted by [2008 c. 6 Sch. 7 para. 1\(5\)](#)
- s. 20(7A) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2008 c. 6 Sch. 7 para. 1(6) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 97\(3\)](#)
- s. 20(7A) inserted by [2008 c. 6 Sch. 7 para. 1\(6\)](#)
- s. 20(7A) words substituted by [S.I. 2008/2833 Sch. 3 para. 81\(b\)](#)
- s. 30(5A) added by [1995 c. 34 Sch. 3 para. 9](#)
- s. 31(8)(9) substituted for s. 31(8) by [2008 c. 6 s. 21](#)
- s. 32M32N inserted by [2008 c. 6 s. 25](#)
- s. 32M(1) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2008 c. 6 s. 25 by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 79\(2\)](#)
- s. 32M(1) substituted by [2023 c. 35 s. 2](#)
- s. 32M(2) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2008 c. 6 s. 25 by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 79\(3\)](#)
- s. 32M(3) words substituted by [2023 c. 35 s. 4\(3\)](#)
- s. 32N(2)(ba) inserted by [2023 c. 35 s. 3](#)
- s. 32N(3)-(5) inserted by [2023 c. 35 s. 4\(2\)](#)
- s. 38(1)(aa) inserted by [2007 asp 3 Sch. 5 para. 18\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 38(1)(aa) word substituted by [2008 c. 6 Sch. 3 para. 40\(b\)](#) (This amendment will come into force (a) in relation to Scotland, immediately after 2007 asp 3, Sch. 5 par. 18(a)(i) comes into force, and (b) in relation to England and Wales, immediately after 2007 asp 3, Sch. 5 par. 18(a)(i) extends to England and Wales. See S.I. 2008/2675, art. 2)
- s. 39B(3)(b)(c) words substituted by [2010 c. 40 Sch. para. 7\(2\)](#)
- s. 39C(1)-(1B) substituted for s. 39C(1) by [2009 c. 24 s. 51\(3\)](#)
- s. 39E(1A) inserted by [2009 c. 24 Sch. 5 para. 5\(3\)](#)

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- s. 40A(7A)-(7D) inserted by [2008 c. 6 s. 29\(4\)](#)
- s. 40B(A1) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2008 c. 6 s. 30(1) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 83\(2\)](#)
- s. 40B(A3) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2008 c. 6 s. 30(1) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 83\(3\)](#)
- s. 40B(A1)-(1) substituted for heading and s. 40B(1) by [2008 c. 6 s. 30\(1\)](#)
- s. 40B(A5)(a) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2008 c. 6 s. 30(1) by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 83\(3\)](#)
- s. 40B(10)-(10C) substituted for s. 40B(10) by [2008 c. 6 s. 30\(2\)](#)
- s. 40B(13) inserted by [2008 c. 6 Sch. 7 para. 1\(18\)](#)
- s. 49A inserted by [2008 c. 6 s. 34](#)
- s. 49A(1) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2008 c. 6 s. 34 by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 86\(2\)](#)
- s. 49A(2)(a) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2008 c. 6 s. 34 by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 86\(3\)](#)
- s. 49A(3) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2008 c. 6 s. 34 by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 86\(4\)](#)
- s. 49A(4) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2008 c. 6 s. 34 by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 86\(5\)](#)
- s. 49A(5)(a) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2008 c. 6 s. 34 by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 86\(6\)](#)
- s. 49A(8)(b) words inserted by [2023 c. 24 s. 3\(4\)](#)
- s. 49A(9)(d) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2008 c. 6 s. 34 by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 86\(6\)](#)
- s. 49A(10)(b) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2008 c. 6 s. 34 by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 86\(6\)](#)
- s. 49A(10)(c) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2008 c. 6 s. 34 by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 86\(6\)](#)
- s. 49B49C inserted by [2008 c. 6 s. 39](#)
- s. 49B(1) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2008 c. 6 s. 39 by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 87\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 49B(1) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2008 c. 6 s. 39 by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 87\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 49B(2)(c) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2008 c. 6 s. 39 by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 87\(3\)](#)
- s. 49B(3)(b) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2008 c. 6 s. 39 by [S.I. 2012/2007 Sch. para. 87\(3\)](#)
- s. 50(5)(da) inserted by [S.I. 2008/2833 Sch. 3 para. 95\(e\)](#)
- s. 52(2A)(aa) inserted by [2023 c. 35 s. 4\(4\)](#)