



# Civil Procedure Act 1997

## 1997 CHAPTER 12

### *General*

#### **9 Interpretation.**

(1) A court the practice and procedure of which is governed by Civil Procedure Rules is referred to in this Act as being “within the scope” of the rules; and references to a court outside the scope of the rules are to be read accordingly.

(2) In this Act—

“enactment” includes an enactment contained in subordinate legislation (within the meaning of the <sup>M1</sup>Interpretation Act 1978), and

“practice directions” means directions as to the practice and procedure of any court within the scope of Civil Procedure Rules.

#### **Marginal Citations**

M1 1978 c. 30.

**Changes to legislation:**

Civil Procedure Act 1997, Section 9 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 23 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.

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

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

- s. 1(4) inserted by [2022 c. 35 Sch. 4 para. 2\(2\)](#)
- s. 3(3)(4) substituted by [2005 c. 4 Sch. 4 para. 265\(2\)](#) (This amendment is made to s. 3 as prospectively amended by 2003 c. 39, s. 85(2). Although it is in force at 3.4.2006 by S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2(a), Sch. 1 para. 11(v), it cannot be applied until the substitution of s. 3 has been brought into force)
- s. 3(5) words substituted by [2005 c. 4 Sch. 4 para. 265\(3\)](#) (This amendment is made to s. 3 as prospectively amended by 2003 c. 39, s. 85(2). Although it is in force at 3.4.2006 by S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2(a), Sch. 1 para. 11(v), it cannot be applied until the substitution of s. 3 has been brought into force)
- s. 3(6) words repealed by [2005 c. 4 Sch. 4 para. 265\(4\)Sch. 18 Pt. 2](#) (This amendment is made to s. 3 as prospectively amended by 2003 c. 39, s. 85(2). Although it is in force at 3.4.2006 by S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2(a), Sch. 1 paras. 11(v), 30(b), it cannot be applied until the substitution of s. 3 has been brought into force)
- s. 3(7) repealed by [2005 c. 4 Sch. 4 para. 265\(5\)Sch. 18 Pt. 2](#) (This amendment is made to s. 3 as prospectively amended by 2003 c. 39, s. 85(2). Although it is in force at 3.4.2006 by S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2(a), Sch. 1 paras. 11(v), 30(b), it cannot be applied until the substitution of s. 3 has been brought into force)
- s. 5(7) inserted by [2022 c. 35 Sch. 4 para. 2\(3\)](#)