



# Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act 1920

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## 6 Mode of enforcing orders.

- (1) A court <sup>F1</sup>... in which an order has been registered under this Act or by which an order has been confirmed under this Act, and the officers of such court, shall take all such steps for enforcing the order as may be prescribed.
- (2) <sup>F5</sup> In this subsection “ magistrates’ court maintenance order ” has the same meaning as in section 150(1) of the Magistrates’ Courts Act 1980. ]]
- <sup>F2</sup>Every such order registered in or confirmed by the family court is enforceable as if it were an order made by the family court and as if that court had had jurisdiction to make it.]
- (3) A warrant of distress<sup>F6</sup>, control ] or commitment issued by <sup>F7</sup> the family court or ] a court of summary jurisdiction for the purpose of enforcing any order so registered or confirmed may be executed in any part of the United Kingdom in the same manner as if the warrant had been originally issued or subsequently endorsed by a court of summary jurisdiction having jurisdiction in the place where the warrant is executed.
- <sup>F8</sup>(4) For the purposes of its execution under subsection (3) in England and Wales, a warrant of distress has effect as a warrant of control.
- (5) For the purposes of its execution under subsection (3) elsewhere than in England and Wales, a warrant of control has effect as a warrant of distress.]

### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 6(1) omitted (temp.) (22.4.2014) by virtue of [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\), s. 61\(3\), Sch. 11 paras. 4\(2\), 9; S.I. 2014/954, art. 2\(e\) \(with art. 3\) \(with transitional provisions and savings in S.I. 2014/956, arts. 3-11\)](#)
- F2** [S. 6\(2\) substituted \(E.W.\) \(22.4.2014\) by Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\), s. 61\(3\), Sch. 11 para. 4\(2\)Sch. 11 para. 9\(3\); S.I. 2014/954, art. 2\(e\) \(with art. 3\) \(with transitional provisions and savings in S.I. 2014/956, arts. 3-11\)](#)

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- F3** Words substituted by Family Law Reform Act 1987 (c. 42, SIF 49:7), s. 33(1), **Sch. 2 para. 1(a)**
- F4** Words in s. 6(2) substituted (1.4.1992) by Maintenance Enforcement Act 1991 (c. 17, SIF 49:3), s. 10, **Sch. 1 para.2**; S.I. 1992/455, **art.2**
- F5** Definition inserted by Family Law Reform Act 1987 (c. 42, SIF 49:7), s. 33(1), **Sch. 2**, para. 1(b)
- F6** Word in s. 6(3) inserted (6.4.2014) by Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 (c. 15), s. 148, **Sch. 13 para. 22(2)** (with s. 89); S.I. 2014/768, art. 2(1)(b)
- F7** Words in s. 6(3) inserted (temp.) (22.4.2014) by Crime and Courts Act 2013 (c. 22), s. 61(3), Sch. 11 paras. 4(2), 9(4); S.I. 2014/954, art. 2(e) (with art. 3) (with transitional provisions and savings in S.I. 2014/956, arts. 3-11)
- F8** S. 6(4)(5) inserted (6.4.2014) by Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 (c. 15), s. 148, **Sch. 13 para. 22(3)** (with s. 89); S.I. 2014/768, art. 2(1)(b)

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**Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act 1920**

Commencement Orders bringing legislation that affects this Act into force:

- [S.R. 2016/387 art. 2 commences \(2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\)\)](#)