

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Rules)

These Rules amend the Family Proceedings Courts (Children Act 1989) Rules 1991 by substituting a new set of forms for those previously used in Children Act proceedings. It also prescribes forms for use in respect of applications and orders under sections 33 and 34 of the Family Law Act 1986. The main changes are—

- (a) a substantial reduction in the number of forms;
- (b) replacing the requirement of a separate application for each child with a single application which is to be used in respect of all the children in respect of whom an application is being made;
- (c) an improvement in the layout and content of the forms to make them easier to understand and complete.

The Rules also insert a new rule into the 1991 Rules allowing a party to decline to reveal their private address.