
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1997 No. 291

Act of Sederunt (Child Care and Maintenance Rules) 1997

CHAPTER 1

PRELIMINARY

Citation and commencement

1.1—(1) This Act of Sederunt may be cited as the Act of Sederunt (Child Care and Maintenance Rules) 1997 and shall come into force on 1st April 1997.

(2) This Act of Sederunt shall be inserted in the Books of Sederunt.

Interpretation

1.2—(1) In this Act of Sederunt, unless the context otherwise requires—

“Ordinary Cause Rules” means the First Schedule to the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1907^{M1};

“Principal Reporter” has the same meaning as in section 93(1) of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995;

“sheriff clerk” includes sheriff clerk depute.

(2) Unless the context otherwise requires, any reference in this Act of Sederunt to a specified Chapter, Part or rule shall be construed as a reference to the Chapter, Part or rule bearing that number in this Act of Sederunt, and a reference to a specified paragraph, sub-paragraph or head shall be construed as a reference to the paragraph, sub-paragraph or head so numbered or lettered in the provision in which that reference occurs.

(3) Any reference in this Act of Sederunt to a numbered Form shall be construed as a reference to the Form so numbered in Schedule 1 to this Act of Sederunt and includes a form substantially to the same effect with such variation as circumstances may require.

Marginal Citations

M1 1907 c.51, the First Schedule was substituted by S.I. 1993/1956.

Affidavits

1.3 An affidavit required in terms of any provision of this Act of Sederunt may be emitted—

- (a) in the United Kingdom, before a notary public or any other competent authority;
- (b) outwith the United Kingdom, before a British diplomatic or consular officer, or any person authorised to administer an oath or affirmation under the law of the place where the oath or affirmation is made.

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Revocations and transitional provisions

1.4—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), the Acts of Sederunt mentioned in column (1) of Schedule 2 to this Act of Sederunt are revoked to the extent specified in column (3) of that Schedule.

(2) Nothing in paragraph (1) or in Chapter 2 shall affect any cause which has been commenced before 1st April 1997 and to which that Chapter would otherwise apply, and such a cause shall proceed according to the law and practice in force immediately before that date.

(3) Nothing in paragraph (1) shall affect any cause to which paragraph 8(1) of Schedule 3 to the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 applies, and such a cause shall proceed according to the law and practice in force immediately before 1st April 1997.

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

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

- Pt. 7 heading substituted by [S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3\(30\)](#)
- Pt. 8 substituted by [S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3\(41\)](#)
- Pt. 8A inserted by [S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3\(48\)](#)
- Pt. 8B inserted by [S.S.I. 2015/424 para. 3\(7\)](#)
- Pt. 9 heading substituted by [S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3\(49\)](#)
- Pt. 10 heading substituted by [S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3\(53\)](#)
- Pt. 10A inserted by [S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3\(57\)](#)
- Pt. 11 inserted by [S.S.I. 2005/190 rule 2\(3\)](#)
- Pt. 11A inserted by [S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3\(62\)](#)
- Chapter 2Pt. 6 substituted by [S.S.I. 2010/137 para. 2\(2\)](#)
- Ch. 1rule 1.06 inserted by [S.S.I. 2012/271 para. 4\(2\)](#)
- Ch. 2Pt. 4A inserted by [S.S.I. 2003/44 rule 6](#)
- Ch. 2 Pt. 2-5 revoked (with transitional provisions and savings) by [S.S.I. 2009/284 para. 4\(1\)\(b\)\(2\)-\(6\)](#)
- Ch. 3 heading substituted by [S.S.I. 2015/424 para. 3\(9\)](#)
- Ch. 3 title words substituted by [S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3\(2\)](#)
- Ch. 5 Pt. 78 inserted by [S.S.I. 2011/386 para. 9\(8\)](#)
- Ch. 5Pt. 9 inserted by [S.S.I. 2014/201 rule 4\(5\)](#)
- Sch. 1 Form 43 Sch. 1 Form 42 renumbered as Sch. 1 Form 43 by [S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4\(18\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 1 Form 42 Sch. 1 Form 43 renumbered as Sch. 1 Form 42 by [S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4\(19\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 1 Form 11A inserted by [S.S.I. 2003/44 Sch.](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 1-n inserted by [S.S.I. 2006/411 para. 2\(8\)\(a\)\(iii\)](#)
- Sch. 1 Form 76A76B inserted by [S.S.I. 2006/75 rule 2\(6\)\(a\)Sch.](#)
- Sch. 1 Form 73A inserted by [S.S.I. 2011/386 Sch. Pt. 2](#)
- Sch. 1 Form 73B inserted by [S.S.I. 2011/386 Sch. Pt. 2](#)
- Sch. 1 Form 73C inserted by [S.S.I. 2011/386 Sch. Pt. 2](#)
- Sch. 1 Form 32A inserted by [S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4\(8\)Sch.](#)
- Sch. 1 Form 65A-65E inserted by [S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4\(38\)Sch.](#)
- Sch. 1 Form 73D inserted by [S.S.I. 2014/201 rule 4\(6\)Sch.](#)
- Sch. 1 Form 73E inserted by [S.S.I. 2014/201 rule 4\(6\)Sch.](#)
- Sch. 1 Form 73F inserted by [S.S.I. 2014/201 rule 4\(6\)Sch.](#)
- Sch. 1 Form 64C64D inserted by [S.S.I. 2015/424 para. 3\(10\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 1 Form 75-80 inserted by Pt. 11 (as inserted) by [S.S.I. 2005/190 Sch.](#)
- Sch. 1 para. i omitted by [S.S.I. 2006/411 para. 2\(8\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 1 Form 69 omitted by [S.S.I. 2011/386 para. 9\(9\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 1 Form 30 revoked by [S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4\(44\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 1 Form 38 revoked by [S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4\(44\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 1 Form 59 revoked by [S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4\(44\)\(c\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. h substituted by [S.S.I. 2006/411 para. 2\(8\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- Sch. 1 Form 22-25 substituted by [S.S.I. 2010/137 para. 2\(3\)Sch.](#)
- Sch. 1 Form 60 substituted by [S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4\(35\)\(a\)Sch.](#)
- Sch. 1 Form 61 substituted by [S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4\(35\)\(b\)Sch.](#)
- Sch. 1 Form 62 substituted by [S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4\(35\)\(c\)Sch.](#)
- Sch. 1 Form 80 title substituted by [S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4\(43\)](#)
- Sch. 1 Form 44A44B substituted for Form 44 by [S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4\(20\)Sch.](#)

- Sch. 1 Form 3131A31B substituted for Sch. 1 Form 31 by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(6)Sch.
- Sch. 1 Form 6363A substituted for Sch. 1 Form 63 by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(35)(d)Sch.
- Sch. 1 Form 6464A64B substituted for Sch. 1 Form 64 by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(36)Sch.
- Sch. 1 Form 26 text amended by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(2)
- Sch. 1 Form 27 text amended by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(3)
- Sch. 1 Form 28 text amended by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(4)
- Sch. 1 Form 29 text amended by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(5)
- Sch. 1 Form 32 text amended by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(7)
- Sch. 1 Form 33 text amended by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(9)
- Sch. 1 Form 34 text amended by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(10)
- Sch. 1 Form 35 text amended by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(11)
- Sch. 1 Form 39 text amended by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(14)
- Sch. 1 Form 39A text amended by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(15)Sch.
- Sch. 1 Form 40 text amended by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(16)
- Sch. 1 Form 41 text amended by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(17)
- Sch. 1 Form 43 text amended by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(18)(b)-(e)
- Sch. 1 Form 42 text amended by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(19)(b)-(e)
- Sch. 1 Form 45 text amended by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(21)
- Sch. 1 Form 46 text amended by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(22)
- Sch. 1 Form 47 text amended by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(23)
- Sch. 1 Form 48 text amended by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(24)
- Sch. 1 Form 49 text amended by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(25)
- Sch. 1 Form 50 text amended by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(26)
- Sch. 1 Form 51 text amended by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(27)
- Sch. 1 Form 52 text amended by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(28)
- Sch. 1 Form 53 text amended by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(29)
- Sch. 1 Form 54 text amended by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(30)
- Sch. 1 Form 55 text amended by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(31)
- Sch. 1 Form 56 text amended by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(32)
- Sch. 1 Form 57 text amended by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(33)
- Sch. 1 Form 58 text amended by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(34)
- Sch. 1 Form 65 text amended by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(37)
- Sch. 1 Form 79 text amended by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(42)(b)-(e)
- Sch. 1 Form 75 word substituted by S.S.I. 2015/283 para. 4(2)
- Sch. 1 Form 75 words inserted by S.S.I. 2015/424 para. 3(10)(b)
- Sch. 1 Form 76A words inserted by S.S.I. 2015/424 para. 3(10)(c)
- Sch. 1 Form 77 words inserted by S.S.I. 2015/424 para. 3(10)(d)
- Sch. 1 Form 22 words inserted by S.S.I. 2019/147 para. 3(7)(a)(i)
- Sch. 1 Form 22 words inserted by S.S.I. 2019/147 para. 3(7)(a)(ii)
- Sch. 1 Form 22 words inserted by S.S.I. 2019/147 para. 3(7)(a)(iii)
- Sch. 1 Form 22 words inserted by S.S.I. 2019/147 para. 3(7)(a)(iv)
- Sch. 1 Form 23 words inserted by S.S.I. 2019/147 para. 3(7)(b)(i)
- Sch. 1 Form 23 words inserted by S.S.I. 2019/147 para. 3(7)(b)(ii)
- Sch. 1 Form 24 words inserted by S.S.I. 2019/147 para. 3(7)(c)(i)
- Sch. 1 Form 24 words inserted by S.S.I. 2019/147 para. 3(7)(c)(ii)
- Sch. 1 Form 24 words inserted by S.S.I. 2019/147 para. 3(7)(c)(iii)
- Sch. 1 Form 24 words inserted by S.S.I. 2019/147 para. 3(7)(c)(iv)
- Sch. 1 Form 70 words omitted by S.S.I. 2011/386 para. 9(9)(b)(ii)
- Sch. 1 Form 70 words omitted by S.S.I. 2011/386 para. 9(9)(b)(iii)
- Sch. 1 Form 71 words omitted by S.S.I. 2011/386 para. 9(9)(c)(i)
- Sch. 1 Form 71 words omitted by S.S.I. 2011/386 para. 9(9)(c)(ii)
- Sch. 1 Form 71 words omitted by S.S.I. 2011/386 para. 9(9)(c)(iii)
- Sch. 1 Form 72 words omitted by S.S.I. 2011/386 para. 9(9)(d)
- Sch. 1 Form 13 Heading words substituted by S.S.I. 2006/411 para. 2(8)(b)
- Sch. 1 Form 14 Heading words substituted by S.S.I. 2006/411 para. 2(8)(b)

- Sch. 1 Form 70 words substituted by S.S.I. 2011/386 para. 9(9)(b)(i)
- Sch. 1 Form 70 words substituted by S.S.I. 2011/386 para. 9(9)(b)(iv)
- Sch. 1 Form 71 words substituted by S.S.I. 2011/386 para. 9(9)(c)(iv)
- Sch. 1 Form 73 words substituted by S.S.I. 2011/386 para. 9(9)(e)
- Sch. 1 Form 22 words substituted by S.S.I. 2012/188 para. 13(2)
- Sch. 1 Form 56 words substituted by S.S.I. 2013/135 para. 5(2)
- Sch. 1 Form 36 words substituted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(12)
- Sch. 1 Form 37 words substituted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(13)
- Sch. 1 Form 75 words substituted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(39)
- Sch. 1 Form 76A words substituted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(40)
- Sch. 1 Form 77 words substituted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(41)
- Sch. 1 Form 79 words substituted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 4(42)(a)
- rule 3.69A-3.69C inserted by S.S.I. 2006/75 rule 2(3)
- rule 5.22A-5.22B inserted by S.S.I. 2009/29 para. 2(7)
- rule 5.17A inserted by S.S.I. 2009/29 para. 2(5)
- rule 3.05A inserted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(8)
- rule 3.46A inserted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(34)
- rule 3.61A inserted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(52)
- rule 3.81A inserted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(66)
- rule 3.61A omitted by S.S.I. 2015/419 para. 8(4)(c)
- rule 5.16A cross-heading words omitted by S.S.I. 2009/29 para. 2(3)
- rule 5.16A(1) words omitted by S.S.I. 2009/29 para. 2(4)
- rule 3.69B(1) words omitted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(63)(b)
- rule 1.5 inserted by S.S.I. 2007/468 rule 2(2)
- rule 1.02 words substituted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 2(2)
- rule 1.6(3)(a) word substituted by S.S.I. 2015/419 para. 8(2)(a)
- rule 1.6(3)(b) words substituted by S.S.I. 2015/419 para. 8(2)(b)
- rule 2.60 substituted by S.S.I. 2015/419 para. 8(3)
- rule 2.52(1) words inserted by S.S.I. 2019/147 para. 3(5)
- rule 2.51(1)(c) words inserted by S.S.I. 2019/147 para. 3(4)(a)(i)
- rule 2.51(1)(d) words substituted by S.S.I. 2019/147 para. 3(4)(a)(ii)
- rule 2.26(1A) inserted by S.S.I. 2006/411 para. 2(6)
- rule 2.52(2)(a) words substituted by S.S.I. 2010/279 para. 7(4)
- rule 2.51(2)(d) words inserted by S.S.I. 2019/147 para. 3(4)(b)
- rule 2.21(2)(fa)-(fd) inserted by S.S.I. 2006/411 para. 2(3)(a)(ii)
- rule 2.21(3)(r)-(t) substituted for rule 2.21(3)(r) by S.S.I. 2006/411 para. 2(3)(c)
- rule 2.21(3A) inserted by S.S.I. 2006/411 para. 2(3)(d)
- rule 2.49(4) words inserted by S.S.I. 2019/147 para. 3(3)
- rule 2.51(5)(b) words inserted by S.S.I. 2019/147 para. 3(4)(c)
- rule 2.21(6) inserted by S.S.I. 2006/411 para. 2(3)(e)
- rule 3.02 substituted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(4)
- rule 3.05 heading substituted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(7)(d)
- rule 3.09 heading substituted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(12)
- rule 3.66 substituted by S.S.I. 2015/424 para. 3(8)
- rule 3.033.03A substituted for rule 3.3 by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(5)
- rule 3.73 word inserted by S.S.I. 2006/75 rule 2(5)
- rule 3.74 word inserted by S.S.I. 2006/75 rule 2(5)
- rule 3.65 words inserted by S.S.I. 2006/75 rule 2(2)
- rule 3.65 words omitted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(58)
- rule 3.66 words omitted by S.S.I. 2015/419 para. 8(4)(d)
- rule 3.06 words substituted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(9)(a)
- rule 3.06 words substituted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(9)(b)
- rule 3.66 words substituted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(59)
- rule 3.75 heading words substituted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(60)(c)
- rule 3.76 heading words substituted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(61)(c)
- rule 3.32(b)(c) substituted for rule 3.32(b) by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(25)
- rule 3.08(f) inserted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(10)(b)
- rule 3.47(A1) inserted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(35)(a)

- rule 3.59(A1) inserted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(50)(a)
- rule 3.57(1) rule 3.57 renumbered as rule 3.57(1) by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(46)(b)
- rule 3.45(1)-(1C) substituted for rule 3.45(1) by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(32)(a)
- rule 3.53(1)-(1B) substituted for rule 3.53(1) by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(42)(a)
- rule 3.55(1)(1A) substituted for rule 3.55(1) by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(44)
- rule 3.75(1) word inserted by S.S.I. 2006/75 rule 2(5)
- rule 3.01(1) words inserted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(3)(a)(i)
- rule 3.01(1) words omitted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(3)(a)(ii)
- rule 3.68(1) words omitted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(63)(a)
- rule 3.71(1) words omitted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(63)(c)
- rule 3.78(1) words omitted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(63)(d)
- rule 3.05(1) words substituted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(7)(a)(i)
- rule 3.07(1) words substituted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(10)(a)
- rule 3.75(1) words substituted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(60)(a)
- rule 3.76(1) words substituted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(61)(a)
- rule 3.78(1) words substituted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(64)
- rule 3.79(1)(a) substituted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(65)(a)
- rule 3.05(1)(b) substituted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(7)(a)(ii)
- rule 3.04(1)(b) word substituted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(6)(a)
- rule 3.04(1)(e) omitted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(6)(b)
- rule 3.54(1)(f) inserted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(43)(a)(iv)
- rule 3.12(1)(f)(g) substituted for rule 3.12(1)(f) by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(15)(a)(ii)
- rule 3.04(1)(f)-(h) substituted for rule 3.4(1)(f) by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(6)(c)
- rule 3.57(2) inserted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(46)(c)
- rule 3.07(2) substituted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(10)(b)
- rule 3.01(2)-(4) substituted for rule 3.1(2) by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(3)(b)
- rule 3.72(2) word substituted by S.S.I. 2006/75 rule 2(4)
- rule 3.75(2) words substituted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(60)(b)
- rule 3.76(2) words substituted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(61)(b)
- rule 3.59(2)(a)-(e) substituted for rule 3.59(2)(a)-(c) by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(50)(c)(ii)
- rule 3.05(2)(c) word omitted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(7)(b)(ii)
- rule 3.05(2)(c) words omitted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(7)(b)(i)
- rule 3.51(2)(e) and word inserted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(39)(b)
- rule 3.13(2)(aa) inserted by S.S.I. 2015/424 para. 3(6)
- rule 3.05(2)(ca) inserted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(7)(c)
- rule 3.45(3)-(9) inserted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(32)(c)
- rule 3.2(3) inserted by S.S.I. 2015/424 para. 3(3)
- rule 3.63(3)(4) substituted for rule 3.63(3) by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(55)(c)
- rule 3.1(3) words substituted by S.S.I. 2015/424 para. 3(2)(c)
- rule 3.53(4)-(6) inserted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(42)(c)
- rule 3.47(4)(4A) substituted for rule 3.47(4) by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(35)(e)
- rule 3.58(5) inserted by S.S.I. 2013/172 para. 3(47)(d)
- rule 3.3A(1) substituted by S.S.I. 2015/424 para. 3(4)
- rule 5.2(6)(7) inserted by S.S.I. 2011/386 para. 9(3)
- rule 5.2(8) inserted by S.S.I. 2014/201 rule 4(3)
- Form 65A words substituted by S.S.I. 2014/201 rule 5(3)
- Form 77 para. 6 substituted by S.S.I. 2006/75 rule 2(6)(b)(ii)
- Form 77 para. 3 word substituted by S.S.I. 2006/75 rule 2(6)(b)(i)
- Form 78 word substituted by S.S.I. 2006/75 rule 2(6)(c)