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UK Legislation

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Acts

An act is a law that may be made by the UK Parliament, the Scottish Parliament, the National Assembly for Wales, or the Northern Ireland Assembly. Acts are a form of primary legislation.

Statutes

Statutes are primary legislation and are the main laws passed by in the UK (e.g. an Act of the UK Parliament).

Statutory Instruments

Statutory Instruments are a type of Secondary legislation made by a person or body under authority contained in primary legislation i.e. ‘regulations’.

How to search for legislation

You can search for an Act by entering the Act title in title search box, with the option to enter the year (if known).

Regulations can be searched by entering the title with the option to enter the year and the number given to that item of legislation or by the year and number if known.
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Example

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How to identify legislation which has not yet been revised

When accessing the legislation, a 'Changes to Legislation' message will appear at the top of the Table of Contents. This will either state that there are no known outstanding changes to the Act you are viewing or that there are some outstanding changes yet to be applied. When opening the content of legislation that has outstanding changes and is waiting to be revised, the outstanding amendments are listed at the top of the provision.

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Explanatory Notes

Regulations have 'explanatory notes' which can be found at the end of the regulations. The explanatory notes are text that the government department responsible for that particular piece of legislation have provided to explain what the legislation aims to achieve and in a format that is easy to use for readers who are not legally trained.

Explanatory Memorandum

Explanatory Memorandums (if available) can also be found at the end of regulations. The Explanatory Memorandum provides a short statement of the principle of a Statutory Instrument or Statutory Rules of Northern Ireland and information about the policy objective and policy implications.

Child Support Legislation
The legislation relating to child support is listed below, with links to that particular piece of legislation within the legislation.gov.uk website and a brief description of the content.

**Child Support: Statutes**

**Child Support Act 1991**

An Act to make provision for the assessment, collection and enforcement of periodical maintenance payable by certain parents with respect to children of theirs who are not in their care; for the collection and enforcement of certain other kinds of maintenance; and for connected purposes.

**Child Support Act 1995**

An Act to make provision with respect to child support maintenance and other maintenance; and to provide for a child maintenance bonus.

**Social Security Act 1998**

An Act to make provision as to the making of decisions and the determination of appeals under enactments relating to social security, child support, vaccine damage payments and war pensions; to make further provision with respect to social security; and for connected purposes.

**Human Rights Act 1998**

An Act to give further effect to rights and freedoms guaranteed under the European Convention on Human Rights; to make provision with respect to holders of certain judicial offices who become judges of the European Court of Human Rights; and for connected purposes.

**Data Protection Act 1998**

An Act to make new provision for the regulation of the processing of information relating to individuals, including the obtaining, holding, use or disclosure of such information.

**Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000**

An Act to amend the law relating to child support; to amend the law relating to occupational and personal pensions and war pensions; to amend the law relating to social security benefits and social security administration; to amend the law relating to national insurance contributions; to amend Part III of the Family Law Reform Act 1969 and Part III of the Family Law Act 1986; and for connected purposes.

**Gender Recognition Act 2004**

An Act to make provision for and in connection with change of gender.
**Child Maintenance and Other Payments Act 2008**

An Act to establish the Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission; to amend the law relating to child support; to make provision about lump sum payments to or in respect of persons with diffuse mesothelioma; and for connected purposes.

**Child Support: Statutory Instruments (regulations)**

Note: the regulations have not been revised. If you require to view any amendments to the regulations choose the ‘Changes To Legislation’ tab on legislation.gov.uk or click here: [http://www.legislation.gov.uk/changes](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/changes). Within the ‘Changes that affect:’ section enter the legislation title e.g. Child Support (Collection and Enforcement) Regulations and enter the year ‘1992’ and click ‘Get Results’. Alternatively, enter the year and number, which is annotated (and linked to the legislation) at the start of each of the regulations listed below, and click ‘Get Results’.


These regulations have been revoked for certain cases.

These Regulations provide for various procedural matters relating to applications for a maintenance assessment.

**1992/1815 The Child Support (Maintenance Assessments and Special Cases) Regulations 1992**

These regulations have been revoked.

These Regulations provide for various matters relating to the calculation of child support maintenance.


These Regulations make provision in relation to arrears of child support maintenance payable, interest on such arrears, and the adjustment of maintenance assessments.


These Regulations make provision in relation to the collection and enforcement of child support maintenance under the Child Support Act 1991.

**1992/2643 The Child Support (Collection and Enforcement of Other Forms of Maintenance) Regulations 1992**

These Regulations prescribe the kinds of payments which may be collected and the categories of persons to whom they are payable.
1992/2645 The Child Support (Maintenance Arrangements and Jurisdiction) Regulations 1992

These Regulations make provision as to the effect that making a maintenance assessment under the Child Support Act 1991 (“the Act”) has on a maintenance order or a maintenance agreement, the cancellation of a maintenance assessment where a child support officer no longer has jurisdiction to make an assessment under the provisions of section 44 of the Act (which imposes conditions as to habitual residence in the United Kingdom), and related matters.

1993/620 The Child Maintenance (Written Agreements) Order 1993

This Order preserves the jurisdiction of courts to make a maintenance order in respect of a child in certain circumstances notwithstanding that a child support officer would have jurisdiction to make a maintenance assessment under the Child Support Act 1991 in respect of that child against the person to be liable under the maintenance order.

1993/961 The Child Support Appeals (Jurisdiction of Courts) Order 1993

These regulations have been revoked for certain cases.

This Order affects appeals against decisions of child support officers on reviews under section 18 of the Child Support Act 1991 and against decisions to refuse applications for such reviews and makes a consequential amendment to the Law Reform (Parent and Child) (Scotland) Act 1986.


These Regulations amend various regulations made under the Child Support Act 1991

1995/3261 The Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 1995

These Regulations amend various regulations made under the Child Support Act 1991

1996/481 The Child Support (Maintenance Assessments and Special Cases) and Social Security (Claims and Payments) Amendment Regulations 1996

These Regulations amend the Child Support (Maintenance Assessments and Special Cases) Regulations 1992 to provide for an increase in the minimum amount of child support maintenance payable, and the amount payable by a non-resident parent in receipt of income support or other prescribed benefit.

These Regulations amend various regulations


These Regulations amend various regulations made under the Child Support Act 1991


These Regulations provide for an application for a departure direction to be made, the effect of which, if given, would be to vary a child support maintenance assessment determined in accordance with the formula provisions of Part I of Schedule 1 to the Child Support Act 1991, and the regulations made under it.

1996/3196 The Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 1996

These Regulations amend various regulations made under the Child Support Act 1991

1997/2943 The Child Support (Written Agreements) (Scotland) Order 1997

This Order specifies the circumstances in which a Scottish court will continue to have jurisdiction to make a maintenance order in relation to a child even though a child support officer has jurisdiction to make a maintenance assessment for that child under the Child Support Act 1991.


These Regulations amend various regulations made under the Child Support Act 1991


This Order provides for the coming into force on 16th November 1998 of powers provided in section 40 of the Social Security Act 1998 (c. 14) enabling Regulations to be made relating to the revision of Child Support decisions and of section 76 of that Act (power to anticipate pensions up-rating order).

1999/977 The Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1999


1999/991 The Social Security and Child Support (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations 1999
The Regulations provide for the procedural rules and other requirements of a new unified appeals system introduced by the Act for social security, contracting out of pensions, child support and vaccine damage.

1999/3108 The Social Security (Claims and Information) Regulations 1999

The Regulations contained in this Instrument are made either by virtue of, or in consequence of, provisions in the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act, including in relation to claims for war pensions and applications relating to child support.


These Regulations are made in connection with applications for variations to the rate of child support maintenance payable under the Child Support Act.

2000/3174 The Child Support (Temporary Compensation Payment Scheme) Regulations 2000

These Regulations provide for a temporary compensation scheme (deferred debt) made under section 27 of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000 in certain cases where there has been a delay in the making of a maintenance assessment under the Child Support Act 1991 leading to arrears of child support maintenance.


These regulations introduce the child maintenance premium and payments by the Secretary of State in lieu of periodical payments of child support maintenance shall be treated as payments of child support maintenance. Revokes regulations 2 to 13 of the Social Security (Child Maintenance Bonus) Regulations 1996.

2000/3177 The Child Support (Voluntary Payments) Regulations

These regulations provide the types of payment the Secretary of State can offset against child support maintenance arrears, or to adjust a maintenance calculation to take account of, voluntary payments.

2000/3185 The Child Support (Decisions and Appeals) (Amendment) Regulations 2000

These Regulations amend the Social Security and Child Support (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations 1999. The Regulations provide for the decision-making process under the Child Support Act 1991 for child support and related matters, consequent upon the introduction of changes to the child support system made by the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000. These Regulations come into force at different times for different cases according to the dates on which
provisions of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000 which are relevant to these Regulations are commenced for different types of cases.


**2001/155 The Child Support (Maintenance Calculations and Special Cases) Regulations 2000**

These Regulations provide for various matters relating to the calculation of child support maintenance under the Child Support Act 1991 and also make provision for special cases under the Act, consequent upon the introduction of changes to the child support system made by the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000. Subject to savings for transitional purposes, these Regulations revoke the Child Support (Maintenance Assessments and Special Cases) Regulations 1992. Apart from paragraphs (1) and (2) of regulation 4, which come into force on 31st January 2001, these Regulations come into force at different times for different cases according to the dates on which provisions of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000 which are relevant to these Regulations are commenced for different types of cases.

**2001/156 The Child Support (Variations) Regulations 2000**

These Regulations provide for variations to the rate of child maintenance payable under the Child Support Act 1991 consequent upon the introduction of changes to the child support system made by the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000. Subject to savings for transitional purposes these Regulations revoke the Child Support Departure Direction and Consequential Amendments Regulations 1996. These Regulations come into force at different times for different cases according to the dates on which provisions of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000 which are relevant to these Regulations are commenced for different types of cases.

**2001/157 The Child Support (Maintenance Calculation Procedure) Regulations 2000**

These Regulations provide for various procedural matters relating to an application for a maintenance calculation under the Child Support Act 1991, and make provision in respect of effective dates of calculations and of reduced benefit decisions, consequent upon the introduction of changes to the child support system made by the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000. Subject to savings for transitional purposes these Regulations revoke the Child Support (Maintenance Assessment Procedure) Regulations 1992. These Regulations come into force at different times for different cases according to the dates on which provisions of the
Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000 which are relevant to these Regulations are commenced for different types of cases.

**2001/158 The Child Support (Consequential Amendment and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2001**

These Regulations provide for the amendment of various Regulations and Orders and make savings and transitional provisions.

**2001/161 The Child Support (Information, Evidence and Disclosure and Maintenance Arrangements and Jurisdiction) (Amendment) Regulations 2000**

These Regulations amend the Child Support (Information, Evidence and Disclosure) Regulations 1992, and the Child Support (Maintenance Arrangements and Jurisdiction) Regulations 1992, mainly consequent upon the introduction of the changes to the child support system made by the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000.

Apart from regulation 4 which comes into force on 1st April 2001, these Regulations come into force at different times for different cases according to the dates on which provisions of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000 which are relevant to these Regulations are commenced for different types of cases.

**2001/162 The Child Support (Collection and Enforcement and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2000**


**2001/1236 The Child Support (Civil Imprisonment) (Scotland) Regulations 2001**

These regulations provide for the amount to be included in the warrant and reduction of period of imprisonment for part payment.

**2002/1915 The Child Support Appeals (Jurisdiction of Courts) Order 2002**

This Order revokes and replaces (as regards England and Wales) the Child Support Appeals (Jurisdiction of Courts) Order 1993, which provides for child support appeals to be made to a court instead of to an appeal tribunal where the issue in the appeal is parentage of the qualifying child in relation to whom an application for child support maintenance has been made under the Child Support Act 1991.

**2003/96 Child Support Appeals (Jurisdiction of Courts) (Scotland) Order 2003**
This Order revokes and replaces (as regards Scotland) the Child Support Appeals (Jurisdiction of Courts) Order 1993, which provides for child support appeals to be made to a court instead of to an appeal tribunal where the issue in the appeal is parentage of the qualifying child in relation to whom an application for a maintenance calculation has been made under the Child Support Act 1991.


This Order brings into force further provisions of Part I of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000, and related repeals and revocations.

2003/2779 The Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 2003

These Regulations provide for the amendment of regulations relating to child support.

2006/1692 The Contracting Out (Functions Relating to Child Support) Order 2006

This Order makes provision to enable the Secretary of State to authorise another person to exercise functions relating to child support other than certain functions which are excluded from contracting out by section 71 of the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 such as rights of entry and seizure, and the power to make subordinate legislation.


This Order brings into force provisions of the Child Maintenance and Other Payments Act 2008.


These Regulations provide for the furnishing of information or evidence required by the Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission for the purpose of their functions under the Child Support Act 1991. They also provide for the disclosure by the Commission of information held for the purpose of the 1991 Act. These Regulations replace the Child Support (Information, Evidence and Disclosure) Regulations 1992.

2008/2675 The Child Maintenance and Other Payments Act 2008 (Commencement No. 4 and Transitional Provision) Order 2008

This Order brings into force provisions of the Child Maintenance and Other Payments Act 2008.
2009/2909 The Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 2009


2009/3151 The Child Support (Management of Payments and Arrears) Regulations 2009

These Regulations are made under powers in the Child Support Act 1991 and come into force on 25th January 2010. They are, in part, consolidating regulations which revoke and re-enact some provisions of the Child Support (Arrears, Interest and Adjustment of Maintenance Assessments) Regulations 1992, with some changes.

2012/2677 The Child Support Maintenance Calculation Regulations 2012

These Regulations provide for a range of matters in relation to the calculation of child support maintenance under the Child Support Act 1991. Together with the provisions of the 1991 Act as amended by the Child Maintenance and Other Payments Act 2008 and other relevant legislation, they set out the rules and procedures for a new child support scheme.

2012/2785 The Child Support (Meaning of Child and New Calculation Rules) (Consequential and Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2012

These Regulations contain provisions consequential on, or connected with, the bringing into force of the changes to the meaning of “child” for the purposes of the Child Support Act 1991, provided for in section 42 of the Child Maintenance and Other Payments Act 2008, and the changes to the rules for the calculation of child support maintenance, provided for in Schedule 4 to the 2008 Act and the Child Support Maintenance Calculation Regulations 2012.


This Order brings into force provisions of the Child Maintenance and Other Payments Act 2008 for the purpose of applying new rules for calculating child support maintenance to certain types of cases. It also brings into force a number of other provisions in the 2008 Act for the purposes of all cases.

2013/1517 The Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2013

These Regulations contain provisions amending various sets of Child Support Regulations.
2013/1654 The Child Support and Claims and Payments (Miscellaneous Amendments and Change to the Minimum Amount of Liability) Regulations 2013

These Regulations make a consequential amendment to Schedule 1 to the Child Support Act 1991 arising from the increase to the flat rate of child support maintenance from £5 to £7.


This Order brings into force provisions of the Child Maintenance and Other Payments Act 2008 for the purpose of applying new rules for calculating child support maintenance to certain applications made on or after 29th July 2013 and certain cases linked to those applications.

2013/2380 The Social Security, Child Support, Vaccine Damage and Other Payments (Decisions and Appeals) (Amendment) Regulations 2013

These Regulations amend the Social Security and Child Support (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations 1999 to enable the Secretary of State to require a person to apply for a social security decision to be revised pursuant to section 9 of the Social Security Act 1998 before the person is permitted to appeal to the First-tier Tribunal.

2013/2947 The Child Maintenance and Other Payments Act 2008 (Commencement No. 12 and Savings Provisions) and the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Commencement No. 15) Order 2013

This Order brings into force provisions of the Child Maintenance and Other Payments Act 2008 (c. 6) (“the 2008 Act”) for the purpose of applying new rules for calculating child support maintenance to all cases other than existing cases. It also brings into force provisions in the Welfare Reform Act 2012.


This Order brings into force certain paragraphs in Schedule 5 to the Child Maintenance and Other Payments Act 2008 for the purpose of making regulations. It also brings into force section 19 of that Act, which introduces Schedule 5, so far as it relates to those paragraphs. Schedule 5 enables the Secretary of State to require the parties in existing cases (that is, cases administered under the 1993 or 2003 schemes of child support maintenance) to choose whether or not to remain in the statutory scheme under the 2012 rules for calculating child support maintenance.

2014/612 The Child Support Fees Regulations 2014
These Regulations make provision about the charging of fees by the Secretary of State in connection with the exercise of the Secretary of State’s functions with regards to child support maintenance.

**2014/614 The Child Support (Ending Liability in Existing Cases and Transition to New Calculation Rules) Regulations 2014**

These Regulations make provision for the cases that are existing cases under the statutory child support maintenance scheme that are not subject to the new calculation rules.

**2014/1263 The Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000 (Commencement No. 15) Order 2014**

This Order brings into force section 25 of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000 in respect of the purposes for which it is not already in force.

**2014/1386 The Child Support (Consequential and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2014**

These Regulations make miscellaneous amendments and amendments consequential on the Child Support Fees Regulations 2014 to various Child Support Regulations.

**2014/1621 The Child Support (Consequential and Miscellaneous Amendments) (No 2) Regulations 2014**

These Regulations make amendments to the Child Support (Management of Payments and Arrears) Regulations 2009 and the Child Support (Consequential and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2014.


This order brings into force various sections of the Child Support Maintenance and Other Payments Act 2008 and the Welfare Reform Act 2012.

**2015/176 The Child Maintenance and Other Payments Act 2008 (Commencement No. 15) Order 2015**

This Order brings into force section 40 of the Child Maintenance and Other Payments Act 2008.

**2015/338 The Child Support (Miscellaneous and Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2015**
These Regulations make miscellaneous and consequential amendments to various Child Support Regulations.

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Northern Ireland Legislation

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As not all NI legislation can be found in Legislation.gov.uk, some of the following ‘links’ will take you to Legislation.gov.uk and some to the Orange Volumes.

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Child Support: Statutes

The Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991

An Order to make provision for the assessment, collection and enforcement of periodical maintenance payable by certain parents with respect to children of theirs who are not in their care; for the collection and enforcement of certain other kinds of maintenance; and for connected purposes.


This Order may be cited as the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1995.

This Order and the Order of 1991 may be cited together as the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Orders 1991 and 1995.

Northern Ireland Act 1998

An Act to make new provision for the government of Northern Ireland for the purpose of implementing the agreement reached at multi-party talks on Northern Ireland set out in Command Paper 3883.

Social Security Act 1998
An Act to make provision as to the making of decisions and the determination of appeals under enactments relating to social security, child support, vaccine damage payments and war pensions; to make further provision with respect to social security; and for connected purposes.

**Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992**

An Act to consolidate for Northern Ireland certain enactments relating to the administration of social security and related matters, with corrections and minor improvements under the Consolidation of Enactments (Procedure) Act 1949.

**Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000**

An Act to amend the law relating to child support; to amend the law relating to occupational and personal pensions; to amend the law relating to social security benefits and social security administration; to amend Part III of the Family Law Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 and Part V of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings (Northern Ireland) Order 1989; and for connected purposes.

**Child Maintenance Act (Northern Ireland) 2008**

An Act to amend the law relating to child support; and for connected purposes.

**Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992**

An Act to consolidate for Northern Ireland certain enactments relating to social security contributions and benefits, with corrections and minor improvements under the Consolidation of Enactments (Procedure) Act 1949.

Child Support: Statutory Instruments (regulations)

**1996/288 The Child Benefit, Child Support and Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996**

These Regulations, in particular regulation 2(2), amend the Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976 ("the Child Benefit Rates Regulations") so as to specify a composite rate of child benefit to be payable in respect of the only, elder or eldest child of a lone parent rather than two distinct rates.

The Regulations also make certain other amendments.

**SR 1993 No.97 All (PDF 90KB) Child Maintenance (Consent Orders) Order (Northern Ireland)**

The general effect of Article 10 of the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 is to prevent a court from exercising jurisdiction to make a maintenance order in respect of a child where a child support officer would have jurisdiction to make a maintenance assessment. The Order makes an exception and there by preserves
the jurisdiction of a court to make a maintenance order where it is simply to give
effect to substantive provisions which have already been agreed in writing.

1997/126 The Child Maintenance Bonus (Great Britain Reciprocal
Arrangements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997

These Regulations give effect in Northern Ireland to reciprocal arrangements relating
to matters for which provision is made in Northern Ireland under Article 4 of the Child
Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1995; this Article provides for a "child maintenance
bonus* to be payable to persons who are or have been entitled to certain social
security benefits and have also been in receipt of child maintenance payments.

The reciprocal arrangements are contained in the Memorandum set out in the
Schedule to the Regulations and have been made between the Department of
Health and Social Services and the Secretary of State for Social Security. The
Regulations provide that relevant matters under the Great Britain legislation have a
corresponding effect in respect of the provisions of Article 4 of the Child Support
(Northern Ireland) Order 1995 and regulations made under it.

(Northern Ireland) 1992

This order brings into operation on 18th June 1992 those provisions of the Child
Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 specified in the Schedule to this order.

(Northern Ireland) 1992

This order brings into operation on 1st September 1992 various provisions of the
Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 relating to child support officers, child
support appeal tribunals and Child Support Commissioners for Northern Ireland.

(Commencement No.3 And Transitional Provisions) Order (Northern Ireland)

This order brings into operation on 5th April 1993 all the provision of the Child
Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 (“the Order”) which are not already in
operation, or not fully in operation, except for Articles 21(3) (which relates to the
giving of notice to prescribed persons before making a fresh maintenance
assessment), 30(2) (which relates to the Department of Health and Social Services
arranging for the collection of certain payments for the benefit of a child even though
it is not arranging for the collection of child support maintenance for that child), 34(2)
which relates to the definition of “relevant information”) and 51(2) (which provides for
paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 3 to the Order to have effect in a modified form until
schedule 1 to the Disability Living Allowance and Disability Working Allowance
Schedule is already in operation.). However, Article 3 and the Schedule contain
transitional provisions which delay the full operation of Article 7 of the Order until 7th April 1997 and varies in some cases the way in which the amount of child support maintenance payable during the first year of an assessment is calculated.

**1996/492 The Child Support (1995 Order) (Commencement No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996**

This Order brings into operation most of the remaining uncommenced provisions of the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1995. The commencement dates are:

(a) 16th October 1996 for the provisions listed in Part I of the Schedule;

(b) 2nd December 1996 for the provisions listed in Part II of the Schedule.


This Order brings into operation on 16th November 1995 those provisions of the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 specified in the Schedule to this Order.


This order brings into operation certain provisions of the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1995. The commencement dates are -

(a) 18th December 1995 for the provisions listed in Part I of the Schedule:

(b) 22nd January 1996 for the provisions listed in Part II of the Schedule.

**2003/56 The Child Support (Applications: Prescribed Date) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003**

These Regulations specify 3rd March 2003 as the date prescribed for the purposes of Article 7(10)(a) of the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 ("the Order"•) which precludes an application for child support maintenance in cases in respect of which there is in force a maintenance order made before that date.

Article 7(10)(a) of the Order, the enabling provision under which these Regulations are made, is amended by section 2(2) of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 ("the Act"•). The Child Support, Pensions and Social Security (2000 Act) (Commencement No. 9) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. 2003 No. 53 (C. 4)) provides for the coming into operation of section 2(2) of the Act on 7th February 2003, for the purpose only of making regulations, and on 3rd March 2003, in so far as it is not already in operation, for the purpose of certain cases in accordance with Article 3 of that Order.

These regulations make provision in relation to arrears of child support maintenance payable under the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 ("the Order"), interest on such arrears, and the adjustment of maintenance assessments.

2001/15 The Child Support (Collection and Enforcement and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001

These Regulations amend the Child Support (Arrears, Interest and Adjustment of Maintenance Assessments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 ("the Arrears, Interest and Adjustment Regulations")\*, the Child Support (Collection and Enforcement) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 ("the Collection and Enforcement Regulations")\*, the Child Support (Collection and Enforcement of Other Forms of Maintenance) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 ("the Collection and Enforcement of Other Forms of Maintenance Regulations")\* and revoke, with savings provisions, the Child Support Fees Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993 ("the Fees Regulations")\*. The amendments reflect amendments made to the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 ("the Order") by the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 ("the Act")\*.


Article 30(1) of the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 ("the Order") enables the Department to arrange for the collection of prescribed kinds of periodical payments where they are payable to or for the benefit of someone who falls within a prescribed category and it is also arranging for the collection of child support maintenance.

These regulations prescribe the kinds of payments which may be collected and the categories of persons to whom they are payable (regulation 2). Regulation 3 applies various provisions of the Order relation to the collection and enforcement of child support maintenance to the periodical payments that may be collected under Article 30(1).

Articles 30(1) and (4) and 47 of the Order are the enabling provisions under which these regulations are made. They are brought into operation on 18th June 1992 by the Child Support (1991 Order) (Commencement No. 1) Order (Northern Ireland) 1992 (S.R. 1992 No.278(C.13)).


These Regulations make provision in relation to the collection and enforcement of child support maintenance under the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991.
The Child Support (Compensation for Recipients of Family Credit and Disability Working Allowance) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995

These Regulations make provision for various matters relating to compensation for a reduction in child support maintenance attributable to changes in child support legislation.

The Child Support (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001

These Regulations provide for the amendment of various Regulations and Orders and make savings and transitional provisions.

The Child Support (Great Britain Reciprocal Arrangements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993

These regulations give effect in Northern Ireland to reciprocal arrangements relating to matters for which provision is made in Northern Ireland by the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991. The arrangements are contained in the Memorandum set out in Schedule 1 and have been made between the Department of Health and Social Services and the Secretary of State for Social Security.

The regulations provide that certain matters to which the provisions of the Great Britain legislation relate (which are set out in Schedule 2) have a corresponding effect in respect of the provisions of the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991.

The Child Support (Information, Evidence and Disclosure and Maintenance Arrangements and Jurisdiction) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001

These Regulations amend the Child Support (Information, Evidence and Disclosure) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 ("the Information Regulations") and the Child Support (Maintenance Arrangements and Jurisdiction) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 ("the Jurisdiction Regulations") mainly consequent upon the introduction of the changes to the child support system made by the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 ("the Act").

These Regulations come into operation at different times for different cases according to the dates on which provisions of the Act which are relevant to these Regulations are commenced for different types of cases.

The Child Support (Maintenance Arrangements and Jurisdiction) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992

These regulations make provision as to the effect that making a maintenance assessment under the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 ("the Order") has on a maintenance order or a maintenance agreement, the cancellation of a
maintenance assessment where a child support officer no longer has jurisdiction to make an assessment under the provisions of Article 41 of the Order (which imposes conditions as to habitual residence in the United Kingdom), and related matters.


These regulations provide for various procedural matters relating to applications for a maintenance assessment under the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 ("the Order"), reviews of an assessment, and effective dates, and make provision in respect of reduced benefit directions.

**1996/65 The Child Support (Maintenance Assessments and Special Cases) and Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996**

These Regulations amend the Child Support (Maintenance Assessments and Special Cases) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 ("the 1992 Regulations") to provide for an increase in the minimum amount of child support maintenance payable, and accordingly, by virtue of regulation 28 of those Regulations, of the amount payable by an absent parent in receipt of income support or other prescribed benefit. The amount is increased to 2 times 5 per cent. of the income support personal allowance for a single claimant aged not less than 25 years. Consequential amendments are made to paragraph 7A of Schedule 8A to the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987, which deals with deductions from benefit and direct payment to third parties. In particular, provision is made that, in certain circumstances, the amount to be deducted is one half of the amount otherwise deductible.

Schedule 2 to the 1992 Regulations is also amended so as to increase from £10·00 to £20·00 the disregard, when determining net income, in relation to charitable or voluntary payments.

These Regulations correspond to provision contained in Regulations made by the Secretary of State for Social Security in relation to Great Britain and accordingly, by virtue of section 149(3) of, and paragraph 10 of Schedule 5 to, the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 8), are not subject to the requirement of section 149(2) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee.

**S.R. 1992 No. 341 (PDF 654KB) The Child Support (Maintenance Assessments and Special Cases) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992**

These regulations provide for various matters relating to the calculation of child support maintenance under the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 ("the Order") and also make provision for special cases under the Order.
**2001/17 The Child Support (Maintenance Calculation Procedure) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001**

These Regulations provide for various procedural matters relating to an application for a maintenance calculation under the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 ("the Order"*• ), and make provision in respect of effective dates of calculations and of reduced benefit decisions, consequent upon the introduction of changes to the child support system made by the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000. Subject to savings for transitional purposes these Regulations revoke the Child Support (Maintenance Assessment Procedure) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992.

These Regulations come into operation at different times for different cases according to the dates on which provisions of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 ("the Act"• ) which are relevant to these Regulations are commenced for different types of cases.

**2001/18 The Child Support (Maintenance Calculations and Special Cases) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001**

These Regulations provide for various matters relating to the calculation of child support maintenance under the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 ("the Order"• ) and also make provision for special cases under the Order, consequent upon the introduction of changes to the child support system made by the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 ("the Act"• ). Subject to savings for transitional purposes, these Regulations revoke the Child Support (Maintenance Assessments and Special Cases) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992. Apart from regulation 4(1) and (2), which comes into operation on 31st January 2001, these Regulations come into operation at different times for different cases according to the dates on which provisions of the Act which are relevant to these Regulations are commenced for different types of cases.

**2009/422 The Child Support (Management of Payments and Arrears) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009**

These Regulations are made under powers in the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 ("the Order"• ) and come into operation on 25th January 2010. They are, in part, consolidating regulations which revoke and re-enact some provisions of the Child Support (Arrears, Interest and Adjustment of Maintenance Assessments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992, with some changes.


Part I of these Regulations contains the normal citation, commencement and interpretation provisions.
Part II makes amendments to various regulations concerned with child support maintenance under the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 ("the Order").

Part III makes transitional provisions and Part IV makes provision for the procedure to be followed in consequence of the other provisions of the regulations.


These Regulations amend various regulations made under the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 ("the Order").

1996/590 The Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996

These Regulations amend various regulations made under the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 ("the Order").

The Child Support (Information, Evidence and Disclosure) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 are amended to make provision for information to be given to enable the Department of Health and Social Services ("the Department") to decide whether a court order for maintenance or a written maintenance agreement made before 5th April 1993 is in force and whether a person with care who has applied for a maintenance assessment has parental responsibility for the child in question (regulation 2).


These Regulations amend various regulations made under the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991.

1999/152 The Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999

These Regulations amend various regulations made under the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, as amended by the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (S.I. 1995/2702 (N.I. 13)).

2005/125 The Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005
These Regulations provide for the amendment of various sets of Regulations relating to child support:

the Child Support (Maintenance Assessment Procedure) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 ("the Maintenance Assessment Procedure Regulations");

the Child Support (Maintenance Assessments and Special Cases) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 ("the Maintenance Assessments and Special Cases Regulations");

the Child Support (Maintenance Arrangements and Jurisdiction) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 ("the Maintenance Arrangements and Jurisdiction Regulations");

the Child Support (Maintenance Calculation Procedure) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 ("the Maintenance Calculation Procedure Regulations");

the Child Support (Maintenance Calculations and Special Cases) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 ("the Maintenance Calculations and Special Cases Regulations");

the Child Support (Transitional Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 ("the Transitional Regulations"); and

the Child Support (Variations) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 ("the Variations Regulations").

2006/273 The Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006

These Regulations provide for the amendments of various sets of Regulations relating to child support.

The powers exercised to make these Regulations are those contained in the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 ("the 1991 Order"), as amended by the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 ("the 2000 Act"). Some of the amendments made by the 2000 Act are only in operation for the purposes of specified categories of case (see the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security (2000 Act) (Commencement No 9) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003) ("the new scheme"). In all other cases the 1991 Order prior to those amendments continues to apply ("the old scheme").


This order makes amendments to the Army Act 1955, the Air Force Act 1955, the Naval Forces (Enforcement of Maintenance Liabilities) Act 1947 and the Merchant
Shipping Act 1970 consequential on the coming into operation of the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 so as to make provision for the recovery of child support maintenance by deductions from the pay of soldiers, airmen, sailors and merchant seamen.


This order is made in consequence of the coming into operation of the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991. It amends Article 85 of the Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 so as to provide that an order made by a court of summary jurisdiction for periodical payments to be made through a collecting officer shall not have effect at any time when the Department of Health and Social Services is arranging for the collection of periodical payments under Article 30 of the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991.

**2001/12 The Child Support (Temporary Compensation Payment Scheme) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001**

These Regulations provide for a temporary compensation scheme made under section 26 of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (the Act) in certain cases where there has been a delay in the making of a maintenance assessment under the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 leading to arrears of child support maintenance.

**2001/19 The Child Support (Transitional Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001**

These Regulations make transitional provisions in consequence of the amendments made to the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order (“the Order”) by the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (“the Act”).

Part I (regulations 1 and 2) deals with citation, commencement and interpretation. These Regulations come into operation according to the date on which section 28 of the Act is fully commenced.

Part II (regulations 3 to 8) makes provision for decision making and appeals in relation to maintenance assessments made with effect before the date the new child support system comes into force for new cases. In particular provision is made for a conversion decision under which the assessment under the previous scheme becomes a calculation under the new scheme.

Part III (regulations 9 to 28) makes transitional provision. It specifies those cases where a transitional amount, instead of the new amount, is payable during a transitional period beginning on the case conversion date as provided for in regulation 15. The new amount is determined by a conversion calculation, provided for in regulations 16 to 23, and the transitional amount is determined by applying the
phasing amounts, specified in regulation 24, to the amount payable under the maintenance assessment, or the conversion calculation, as appropriate (regulations 10 and 11). Different transitional amounts apply in certain flat rate cases (regulations 12 and 13).


These Regulations are made in connection with applications for variations to the rate of child support maintenance payable under the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 ("the Order") consequent upon the introduction of changes to the child support system made by the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 ("the Act").

2001/20 The Child Support (Variations) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001

These Regulations provide for variations to the rate of child maintenance payable under the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 ("the Order") consequent upon the introduction of changes to the child support system made by the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 ("the Act"). Subject to savings for transitional purposes these Regulations revoke the Child Support Departure Direction and Consequential Amendments Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 ("the Departure Direction Regulations"). These Regulations come into operation at different times for different cases according to the dates on which provisions of the Act which are relevant to these Regulations are commenced for different types of cases.

2001/21 The Child Support (Voluntary Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001

These Regulations are made pursuant to Article 28J of the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 ("the Order") as inserted by section 19 of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 ("the Act"). Article 28J of the Order provides for the Department for Social Development ("the Department") to offset against child support maintenance arrears, or to adjust a maintenance calculation to take account of, voluntary payments.


These Regulations amend various regulations made under the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 ("the Order"). They also amend in one respect the Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987.

2003/84 The Child Support and Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003
These Regulations provide for the amendment of various sets of Regulations relating to child support.

**2002/391 The Child Support Appeals (Jurisdiction of Courts) Order (Northern Ireland) 2002**

This Order:–

- revokes and replaces the Child Support Appeals (Jurisdiction of Courts) Order (Northern Ireland) 1993, which provides for child support appeals to be made to a court of summary jurisdiction, rather than an appeal tribunal, where the issue in the appeal is the parentage of the qualifying child in relation to whom an application for child support maintenance has been made under the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991. The amendments are required in consequence of section 10 of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000, which substitutes a new Article 22 into the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 (appeals to appeal tribunals); and

- provides for the application (with modifications) of regulations 31 and 32 of the Social Security and Child Support (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 to those appeals that are made to a court of summary jurisdiction.

**SR 1993 No. 104 (PDF 103KB) The Child Support Appeals (Jurisdiction of Courts) Order (Northern Ireland) 1993**

This Order affects appeals against decisions of child support officers on reviews under Article 20 of the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 and against decisions to refuse applications for such reviews. Article 22 of the Order provides for such appeals to be made to a child support appeal tribunal but this Order will require such appeals to be made to a court where they raise an issue of disputed parentage.

**1999/226 The Child Support Commissioners (Procedure) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999** These Regulations make provision for the procedure to be followed in proceedings before a Child Support Commissioner under the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991. These Regulations revoke the Child Support Commissioners (Procedure) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993 and amending instruments and are necessary as a result of the introduction of the unified appeals tribunals established under the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998.

**1996/541 The Child Support Departure Direction and Consequential Amendments Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996**

These Regulations provide for an application for a departure direction to be made, the effect of which, if given, would be to vary a child support maintenance assessment determined in accordance with the formula provisions of Part I of
Schedule 1 to the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 and the regulations made under it.

2008/403 The Child Support Information Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008

These Regulations provide for the furnishing of information or evidence required by the Department for Social Development for the purpose of its functions under the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 ("the Order"). They also provide for the disclosure by the Department of information held for the purpose of the Order. These Regulations replace the Child Support (Information, Evidence and Disclosure) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 ("the 1992 Regulations").

Part 2 relates to the duty to provide information or evidence.

2012/427 The Child Support Maintenance Calculation Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012

These Regulations provide for a range of matters in relation to the calculation of child support maintenance under the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 ("the Order") and set out the rules and procedures for a new child support scheme.


This Order substitutes Article 6 of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security (2000 Act) (Commencement No. 9) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003 which provides for the coming into operation of section 22 of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000, and an associated repeal, for the purposes of different categories of cases where child support and other forms of maintenance have been, or become, payable in respect of a child.

This Order does not impose any new costs on business.

2006/286 The Contracting Out (Functions Relating to Child Support) Order (Northern Ireland) 2006

This Order makes provision to enable the Department to authorise another person to exercise functions relating to child support other than certain functions which are excluded from contracting out by section 71 of the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 such as rights of entry and seizure, and the power to make subordinate legislation.

1996/1632 The Deregulation and Contracting Out (Northern Ireland) Order 1996

Regulation 17 applies where the Secretary of State makes an order under 1 Part II of the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 or section 1 of the Regulatory Reform Act 2001, the Department of Health and Social Services may make a corresponding order for Northern Ireland.

This Order provides for the coming into operation on 1st June 1999 of provisions of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 relating to child support. The Order also makes consequential and transitional provisions.

1996/622 The Social Security (Child Maintenance Bonus) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996

Article 4 of the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 ("the 1995 Order") introduces a child maintenance bonus for persons who are or have been entitled to income support or an income-based jobseeker’s allowance and who have also been in receipt of child maintenance payments.


These Regulations amend the Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987, the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 and the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987. These Regulations come into operation at different times for different cases according to the dates on which section 22 of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 which is relevant to these Regulations, is commenced for different types of cases.


Transfer of functions to the Department. Decisions and Appeals.

2001/23 The Social Security and Child Support (Decisions and Appeals) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 These Regulations further amend the Social Security and Child Support (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 ("the principal Regulations") to provide for the decision-making process under the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 ("the Child Support Order") consequent upon the introduction of changes to the child support system made by the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 ("the Act").

1999/162 The Social Security and Child Support (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999

These Regulations are made by virtue of, or in consequence of, provisions of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 ("the Order") and supplement changes introduced by that Order to the decision-making process for social security and related matters. The Regulations also provide for the procedural rules and other
requirements of a new unified appeals system introduced by the Order for social security, contracting-out of pensions and child support.

1999/271 The Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) (1999 Order) (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999

This Order brings into force further provisions of the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (“the Transfer Order“). 


These Regulations make provision for existing cases under the statutory child support maintenance scheme that are not subject to the new calculation rules.

2014/182 The Child Support Fees Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014

These Regulations make provision about the charging of fees by the Department in connection with the exercise of the Department’s functions with regards to child support maintenance.


This Order is made only for purposes corresponding to those of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999.

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