

**1992 No. 278 (C. 13)**

**FAMILY LAW**

**CHILD SUPPORT**

**The Child Support (1991 Order)(Commencement No. 1) Order  
(Northern Ireland) 1992**

*Made* - - - -

*18th June 1992*

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 1(2) of the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991(a) and paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974(b) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following order:

**Citation**

**1.** This order may be cited as the Child Support (1991 Order) (Commencement No. 1) Order (Northern Ireland) 1992.

**Day appointed for the coming into operation of certain provisions of the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991**

**2.** The day appointed for the coming into operation of the provisions of the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 specified in the Schedule to this order is 18th June 1992.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 18th June 1992.



*A.N. Burns*  
Assistant Secretary

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(a) S.I. 1991/2628 (N.I. 23)  
(b) 1974 c. 28

SCHEDULE

Article 2

<i>Provision of the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1991</i>	<i>Subject matter</i>
Article 1(3) to (5)	Title and commencement
Article 2	Interpretation
Article 3	Meaning of “child”
Article 4(3)(c)	Meaning of certain terms used in the Order
Article 7(4), (7) and (8)	Child support maintenance
Article 8(3)	Child support maintenance: supplemental provisions
Article 9(1) (in so far as it confers power to prescribe kinds of benefit for the purposes of that paragraph), (9), (10) and (13)	Applications by those receiving benefit
Article 10(5), (9) and (11)(e)	Role of the courts with respect to maintenance for children
Article 12	Relationship between maintenance assessments and certain court orders and related matters
Article 14(2), (3) and (5)	Interim maintenance assessments
Article 16(1) and (3)	Information required by the Department
Article 18(1), (2), (5) and (6)	Periodical reviews
Article 19(4) and (6)(b)	Reviews on change of circumstances
Article 20(8) and (11)	Reviews of decisions of child support officers
Article 23(2) and (3)	Child support appeal tribunals
Article 25(6) and (7)	Appeal to Child Support Commissioner
Article 26(2)(a), (3)(c) and (5)	Appeal from Child Support Commissioner on question of law
Article 29(2) and (3)	Collection of child support maintenance
Article 30(1) and (4)	Collection and enforcement of other forms of maintenance
Article 31(8)	Deduction from earnings orders
Article 32(1) to (5) and (7) to (9)	Regulations about deduction from earnings orders
Article 34(1)	Regulations about liability orders
Article 35(2) to (4)	Enforcement of liability orders

Article 36	Enforcement in Northern Ireland of English and Scottish liability orders
Article 37(4)(a)(ii), (8) and (11)	Commitment to prison
Article 38(2), (3) and (4)	Arrears of child support maintenance
Article 39	Special cases
Article 40(1)(b) and (2)(a)	Contribution to maintenance by deduction from benefit
Article 41(3)	Jurisdiction
Article 42	Jurisdiction of courts in certain proceedings under the Order
Article 43(11)	Failure to comply with obligations imposed by Article 9
Article 44	Fees
Article 46(5) and (7)(d)	Unauthorised disclosure of information
Article 47	Supplementary powers to make regulations
Article 48	Regulations and orders
Article 49	Co-ordination with Great Britain
Article 50	Application to Crown
Article 51	Amendments, etc.
Schedule 1 in the respects specified below and Article 13 in so far as it relates to them— paragraphs 1(3) and (5), 2(1), 4(1) and (3), 5(1), (2) and (4), 6(2) to (6), 7 to 9, 11, 14 and 16(5), (10) and (11)	Maintenance assessments
Paragraph 4 of Schedule 2 and Article 16(4) in so far as it relates to that paragraph	Provision of information to the Department
Paragraph 3(3) of Schedule 3 and Article 23(4) in so far as it relates to that paragraph	Child support appeal tribunals
Paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 and Article 24 in so far as it relates to that paragraph	Child Support Commissioners

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order.)*

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.