Classified List of Acts in Force in Ireland

Updated to 17 September 2026 (Act No. 36 of 2026 and S.I. No. 477 of 2026)

17. Family Law

17.1. Marriage

Justice	Family Law Act 1995 • Family Law Act 1995 (Commencement) Order 1996, S.I. No. 46 of 1996	26/1995
Justice	Marriage Act 2015 • Marriage Act 2015 (Commencement) Order 2015, S.I. No. 504 of 2015	35/2015
Justice	Deceased Wife's Sister's Marriage Act 1907	7 Edw. 7, c. 47
Justice	Deceased Brother's Widow's Marriage Act 1921	11 & 12 Geo. 5, c. 24
Justice	Married Women's Status Act 1957	5/1957
Justice	Family Law Act 1981	22/1981
Justice	Family Law Act 1988	31/1988
Justice	Registration of Marriages (Ireland) Act 1863 • Amalgamation of Marriage Registrars' Districts (Number 1) Order 2005, S.I. No. 315 of 2005 • Registration of Marriages (Ireland) Act, 1863 (Section 8)(Limerick) Order 2006, S.I. No. 12 of 2006 • Amalgamation of Marriage Registrars' Districts Order 1997, S.I. No. 296 of 1997	26 & 27 Vict. c. 90

17.2. Civil Partnership and Cohabitants

Justice	Civil Partnership and Certain Rights and Obligations of Cohabitants Act 2010 • Civil Partnership and Certain Rights and Obligations of Cohabitants Act 2010 (Commencement) Order 2010, S.I. No. 648 of 2010 • Civil Partnership (Recognition of Registered Foreign Relationships) Order 2010, S.I. No. 649 of 2010 • Civil Partnership (Recognition of Registered Foreign Relationships) Order 2011, S.I. No. 642 of 2011 • Civil Partnership (Recognition of Registered Foreign Relationships) Order 2012, S.I. No. 505 of 2012 • Civil Partnership (Recognition of Registered Foreign Relationships) Order 2013, S.I. No. 490 of 2013 • Civil Partnership (Recognition of Registered Foreign Relationships) Order 2016, S.I. No. 132 of 2016	24/2010

17.3. Children and Parental Duties

17.3.1. General

Justice	Children and Family Relationships Act 2015 • Children and Family Relationships Act 2015 (Part 10) (Commencement) Order 2015, S.I. No. 263 of 2015 • Children and Family Relationships Act 2015 (Commencement of Certain Provisions) Order 2016, S.I. No. 12 of 2016	9/2015

	• District Court (Children and Family Relationships Act 2015) Rules 2016, S.I. No. 17 of 2016 • Children and Family Relationships Act 2015 (Commencement) Order 2017, S.I. No. 355 of 2017 • Children and Family Relationships Act 2015 (Commencement) (No. 2) Order 2017, S.I. No. 474 of 2017 • Children and Family Relationships Act 2015 (Consent to Use Declaration) Regulations 2019, S.I. No. 544 of 2019 • Children and Family Relationships Act 2015 (Consent to Parentage Declaration) Regulations 2019, S.I. No. 545 of 2019 • Children and Family Relationships Act 2015 (Certification) Regulations 2019, S.I. No. 546 of 2019 • Children and Family Relationships Act 2015 (Parts 2 and 3) (Commencement) Order 2019, S.I. No. 541 of 2019 • Children and Family Relationships Act 2015 (Commencement of Certain Provisions) Order 2019, S.I. No. 624 of 2019	
Justice	Guardianship of Infants Act 1964 • Guardianship of Infants Act 1964 (Child's Views Expert) Regulations 2018, S.I. No. 587 of 2018 • Guardianship of Children (Statutory Declaration) Regulations 2020, S.I. No. 210 of 2020 • Guardianship of Infants Act 1964 (Child's Views Expert) (Amendment) Regulations 2026, S.I. No. 271 of 2026	7/1964
Justice	Status of Children Act 1987 • Blood Tests (Parentage) Regulations 1988, S.I. No. 215 of 1988	26/1987
Justice	Children Act 1997[1] • Children Act 1997 (Commencement) Order 1998, S.I. No. 433 of 1998	40/1997
Justice	Legitimacy Act 1931 • Legitimacy Act (Alteration of Registration Fee) Regulations 1954, S.I. No. 224 of 1954[2]	13/1931
Children	Children and Family Relationships (Amendment) Act 2018 • Children and Family Relationships (Amendment) Act 2018 (Commencement) Order 2019, S.I. No. 542 of 2019	20/2018
Children	Family Leave and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2021 • Family Leave and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2021 (Commencement) Order 2021, S.I. No. 148 of 2021 • Family Leave and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2021 (Part 4) (Commencement) Order 2021, S.I. No. 154 of 2021 • Family Leave and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2021 (Part 9) (Commencement) Order 2021, S.I. No. 180 of 2021	4/2021
Children	Guardianship of Infants and Child Care (Amendment) Act 2026	30/2026

17.3.2. Child Care and Protection

Children[3]	Child Care Act 1991	17/1991

[1] Also listed at Title 17.3.2: Childcare and Protection.

[2] The enabling provisions were s. 1(4) and sch., paras. (1) and (5). They were repealed by Civil Registration Act 2004 (3/2004), s. 4 and sch. 2, subject to a wide saver for existing instruments which could have been made under the 2004 Act in s. 5. This SI does not meet this requirement, is no longer in effect and should be formally revoked.

[3] See S.I. No. 488 of 2011. Public Exp (in part): see S.I. No. 418 of 2011.

	• Child Care Act 1991 (Commencement) Order 1991, S.I. No. 292 of 1991 • Child Care Act, 1991 (Commencement) Order, 1992, S.I. No. 123 of 1992 • Child Care Act, 1991 (Children's Residential Centres) (Superannuation) (No. 2) Order, 1992, S.I. No. 125 of 1992 • Child Care Act, 1991 (Commencement) (No. 2) Order, 1992, S.I. No. 264 of 1992 • Child Care Act, 1991 (Commencement) (No. 3) Order, 1992, S.I. No. 349 of 1992 • Child Care Act, 1991 (Commencement) Order, 1995, S.I. No. 258 of 1995 • Child Care (Placement of Children in Residential Care) Regulations, 1995, S.I. No. 259 of 1995 • Child Care (Placement of Children in Foster Care) Regulations, 1995, S.I. No. 260 of 1995 • Child Care (Placement of Children With Relatives) Regulations, 1995, S.I. No. 261 of 1995 • Child Care (Standards in Children's Residential Centres) Regulations, 1996, S.I. No. 397 of 1996[4] • Child Care Act, 1991 (Commencement) Order, 1996, S.I. No. 399 of 1996 • Child Care Act, 1991 (Commencement) Order, 2004, S.I. No. 547 of 2004 • Child Care Act, 1991 (Children's Residential Centres) (Superannuation) Order 2004, S.I. No. 863 of 2004 • Child Care (Pre-School Services) (No 2) (Amendment) Regulations 2006, S.I. No. 643 of 2006[5] • Child Care Act 1991 (Section 29(7)) Regulations, S.I. No. 467 of 2012 • Child Care (Placement of Children in Residential Care) (Amendment) Regulations 2015, S.I. No. 605 of 2015 • Child Care (Placement of Children in Foster Care) (Amendment) Regulations 2015, S.I. No. 606 of 2015 • Child Care (Placement of Children with Relatives) (Amendment) Regulations 2015, S.I. No. 607 of 2015 • Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016, S.I. No. 221 of 2016 • Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2016, S.I. No. 632 of 2016 • Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) (Registration of School Age Services) Regulations 2018, S.I. No. 575 of 2018 • Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) (Registration Of School Age Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2019, S.I. No. 58 of 2019 • Child Care (Placement of Children in Foster Care) (Emergency Measures in the Public Interest - Covid19) (Amendment) Regulations 2020, S.I. No. 170 of 2020 • Child Care (Placement of Children with Relatives) (Emergency Measures in the Public Interest - Covid19) (Amendment) Regulations 2020, S.I. No. 171 of 2020 • Child Care (Placement of Children in Foster Care) (Emergency Measures in the Public Interest - Covid19) (Amendment) (No. 1) Regulations 2020, S.I. No. 312 of 2020	

[4] The enabling provisions are Child Care Act 1991 (17/1991), ss. 61, 63 and 68. The general enabling provision, s. 68 is still in force. Sections 61 and 63 are to be repealed by the Health Act 2007, s. 104(1), but remain in force. There is a saver for in force regulations under s. 104(3): (3) Each order, regulation and rule that was made under a provision of an enactment repealed or revoked by this Act and that was in force immediately before such repeal or revocation continues in force under the corresponding provision, if any, of this Act, subject to such adaptations and modifications as the Minister, by regulation, may make for the purpose of bringing any such order, regulation or rule into conformity with this Act. The corresponding section is probably s. 45; however this repeal has not been commenced.

[5] This SI is considered obsolete on revocation of S.I. No. 604 of 2006, which it amended.

	• Child Care (Placement of Children with Relatives) (Emergency Measures in the Public Interest - Covid19) (Amendment) (No. 1) Regulations 2020, S.I. No. 313 of 2020 • Child Care (Placement of Children with Relatives) (Emergency Measures in the Public Interest - Covid19) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020, S.I. No. 541 of 2020 • Child Care (Placement of Children in Foster Care) (Emergency Measures in the Public Interest - Covid19) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020, S.I. No. 540 of 2020 • Child Care (Placement of Children with Relatives) (Emergency Measures in the Public Interest - Covid19) (Amendment) Regulations 2021., S.I. No. 42 of 2021 • Child Care (Placement of Children in Foster Care) (Emergency Measures in the Public Interest - Covid19) (Amendment) Regulations 2021, S.I. No. 41 of 2021 • Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2021, S.I. No. 401 of 2021 • Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2022, S.I. No. 195 of 2022 • Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) (Registration of School Age Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2022, S.I. No. 196 of 2022 • Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2023, S.I. No. 387 of 2023 • Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) (Childminding Services) Regulations 2024, S.I. No. 494 of 2024	
Children[6]	Child Care (Amendment) Act 2007 • Child Care (Amendment) Act 2007 (Commencement) Order 2007, S.I. No. 509 of 2007	26/2007
Children[7]	Child Care (Amendment) Act 2011 • Child Care (Amendment) Act 2011 (Commencement) Order 2011, S.I. No. 453 of 2011 • Child Care (Amendment) Act 2011 (Commencement) (No. 2) Order 2011, S.I. No. 497 of 2011 • Child Care (Amendment) Act 2011 (Commencement) Order 2017, S.I. No. 637 of 2017	19/2011
Children	Child Care (Amendment) Act 2013	5/2013
Children	Child Care (Amendment) Act 2015 • Child Care (Amendment) Act 2015 (Commencement) Order 2016, S.I. No. 203 of 2016 • Child Care (Amendment) Act 2015 (Commencement) Order 2017, S.I. No. 296 of 2017 • Child Care (Amendment) Act 2015 (Commencement) (No. 2) Order 2017, S.I. No. 636 of 2017	45/2015
Children	Children First Act 2015 • Children First Act 2015 (Commencement) Order 2015, S.I. No. 555 of 2015 • Children First Act 2015 (Commencement) Order 2016, S.I. No. 211 of 2016	36/2015

[6] See S.I. No. 488 of 2011.

[7] See S.I. No. 488 of 2011.

	• Children First Act 2015 (Commencement) Order 2017, S.I. No. 470 of 2017	
Children[8]	Protections for Persons Reporting Child Abuse Act 1998	49/1998
Justice	Protection of Children (Hague Convention) Act 2000 • Protection of Children (Hague Convention) Act 2000 (Commencement) Order 2010, S.I. No. 650 of 2010 • Protection of Children (Hague Convention) Act 2000 (Section 15) Order 2010, S.I. No. 682 of 2010 • Protection of Children (Hague Convention) Act 2000 (Section 15) Order 2019, S.I. No. 458 of 2019	37/2000
Justice	Children Act 1997[9]	40/1997
Children	Childcare Support Act 2018 • Childcare Support Act 2018 (Commencement) Order 2018, S.I. No. 574 of 2018 • Childcare Support Act 2018 (Commencement) Order 2019, S.I. No. 67 of 2019 • Childcare Support Act 2018 (Commencement) (No. 2) Order 2019, S.I. No. 348 of 2019 • Childcare Support Act 2018 (Reviews) Regulations 2019, S.I. No. 370 of 2019 • Childcare Support Act 2018 (Appeals) Regulations 2019, S.I. No. 371 of 2019 • Childcare Support Act 2018 (Assessment of Income) Regulations 2019, S.I. No. 373 of 2019 • Childcare Support Act 2018 (Calculation of amount of financial support) Regulations 2019, S.I. No. 378 of 2019 • Childcare Support Act 2018 (Payment of financial support) Regulations 2019, S.I. No. 375 of 2019 • Childcare Support Act 2018 (Information to be given by employers and education and training providers to the scheme administrator) Regulations 2019, S.I. No. 377 of 2019 • Childcare Support Act 2018 (Processing of personal data) Regulations 2019, S.I. No. 513 of 2019 • Childcare Support Act 2018 (Assessment of Income) (Amendment) Regulations 2019, S.I. No. 528 of 2019 • Childcare Support Act 2018 (Calculation of amount of financial support) (Amendment) Regulations 2020, S.I. No. 33 of 2020 • Childcare Support Act 2018 (Calculation of amount of financial support) (Amendment) Regulations 2022, S.I. No. 198 of 2022 • Childcare Support Act 2018 (Calculation of amount of financial support) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2022, S.I. No. 367 of 2022 • Childcare Support Act 2018 (Calculation of amount of financial support) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2022, S.I. No. 701 of 2022 • Childcare Support Act 2018 (Calculation of amount of financial support) (Amendment) Regulations 2024, S.I. No. 410 of 2024 • Childcare Support Act 2018 (Calculation of amount of financial support) (Amendment) Regulations 2026, S.I. No. 418 of 2026	11/2018
Children	Child Care (Amendment) Act 2022 • Child Care (Amendment) Act 2022 (Commencement) Order 2022, S.I. No. 464 of 2022	21/2022

[8] See S.I. No. 218 of 2011.

[9] Also listed under 17.3.1.

	• Child Care (Amendment) Act 2022 (Commencement) Order 2024, S.I. No. 302 of 2024 • Child Care (Amendment) Act 2022 (Commencement) Order 2026, S.I. No. 208 of 2026 • Child Care Act 1991 (Section 35L(3)) (Prescribed Classes) Regulations 2026, S.I. No. 288 of 2026	
Children	Child Care (Amendment) Act 2024 • Child Care (Amendment) Act 2024 (Commencement) Order 2024, S.I. No. 495 of 2024 • Child Care (Amendment) Act 2024 (Commencement) Order 2025, S.I. No. 613 of 2025	19/2024

17.3.3. Child Abduction and Enforcement of Custody Orders

Justice	Child Abduction and Enforcement of Custody Orders Act 1991 • Child Abduction and Enforcement of Custody Orders Act 1991 (Commencement) Order 1991, S.I. No. 235 of 1991 • Child Abduction and Enforcement of Custody Orders Act 1991 (Appointment of Central Authorities) Order 1993, S.I. No. 121 of 1993 • Child Abduction and Enforcement of Custody Orders Act, 1991 (Contracting States) (Hague Convention) (Revocation) Order 1998, S.I. No. 477 of 1998[10] • Child Abduction and Enforcement of Custody Orders Act 1991 (Section 18) (Luxembourg Convention) Order 2001, S.I. No. 508 of 2001 • Child Abduction and Enforcement of Custody Orders Act 1991 (Section 4) (Hague Convention) Order 2011, S.I. No. 400 of 2011	6/1991

17.3.4. Ombudsman for Children

Children[11]	Ombudsman for Children Act 2002 • Ombudsman For Children (Section 4) (Commencement) Order 2003, S.I. No. 712 of 2003 • Ombudsman for Children Act 2002 (Commencement) Order 2004, S.I. No. 925 of 2004 • Ombudsman for Children Act 2002 (Section 11(2)(a)) Order 2012, S.I. No. 210 of 2012	22/2002

17.4. Adoption

Children[12]	Adoption Act 2010 • Adoption Act 2010 (Commencement) Order 2010, S.I. No. 511 of 2010 • Adoption Act 2010 (Establishment Day) Order 2010, S.I. No. 512 of 2010 • Adoption Act 2010 (Register of Intercountry Adoptions) Regulations 2010, S.I. No. 521 of 2010 • Adoption Act 2010 (Accredited Bodies) Regulations 2010, S.I. No. 524 of 2010 • Adoption Act 2010 (Section 134) (Forms) Regulations 2010, S.I. No. 597 of 2010 • Adoption Act 2010 (Register of Gender Recognition of Intercountry Adoptions) Regulations 2015, S.I. No. 534 of 2015	21/2010

[10] This SI is obsolete/spent and could be revoked.

[11] See S.I. No. 218 of 2011. Public Exp (in part): see S.I. No. 418 of 2011.

[12] See S.I. No. 218 of 2011. Public Exp (in part): see S.I. No. 418 of 2011.

	• Adoption Authority of Ireland Superannuation Scheme 2017, S.I. No. 157 of 2017 • Adoption Act 2010 (Consent to Adoption Order) (Forms) Regulations 2017, S.I. No. 535 of 2017 • Adoption Act 2010 (Pre-Placement Consultation Procedure) (Forms) Regulations 2017, S.I. No. 606 of 2017 • Adoption Act 2010 (Section 85) (Fees) Regulations 2018, S.I. No. 7 of 2018 • Adoption Act 2010 (Register of Gender Recognition of Intercountry Adoptions) (Fees) Regulations 2018, S.I. No. 8 of 2018 • Adoption Act 2010 (Abridged Certificate) Regulations 2019, S.I. No. 508 of 2019	
Children	Adoption (Amendment) Act 2017 • Adoption (Amendment) Act 2017 (Commencement) Order 2017, S.I. No. 443 of 2017 • Adoption (Amendment) Act 2017 (Commencement) Order 2020, S.I. No. 80 of 2020	19/2017
Children	Birth Information and Tracing Act 2022 • Birth Information and Tracing Act 2022 (Commencement) Order 2022, S.I. No. 321 of 2022 • Birth Information and Tracing Act 2022 (Commencement) (No. 2) Order 2022, S.I. No. 448 of 2022 • Birth Information and Tracing Act 2022 (Part 9) (Commencement) Order 2022, S.I. No. 496 of 2022	14/2022
Children	Adoption (Amendment) Act 2013	44/2013

17.5. Child and Family Agency

Children	Child and Family Agency Act 2013[13] • Child and Family Agency Act 2013 (Commencement) Order 2013, S.I. No. 502 of 2013 • Child and Family Agency Act 2013 (Establishment Day) Order 2013, S.I. No. 503 of 2013 • Child and Family Agency Superannuation Scheme 2025, S.I. No. 695 of 2025	40/2013
Children	Child and Family Agency (Amendment) Act 2021 • Child and Family Agency (Amendment) Act 2021 (Commencement) Order 2021, S.I. No. 697 of 2021	34/2021

17.6. Divorce and Judicial Separation

17.6.1. Divorce

Justice	Family Law (Divorce) Act 1996	33/1996
Justice	Family Law Act 1995	26/1995
Justice	Family Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1997[14]	18/1997

[13] Repealed Family Support Agency Act 2001 (54/2001). For assignment to Children, see S.I. No. 214 of 2011, S.I. No. 215 of 2011 and S.I. No. 216 of 2011 (only remaining statutory function of Department of Community, Equality and Gaeltacht Affairs that was, under the 2001 Act, transferred to Children and Youth Affairs). Family Support Agency Act, 2001 (Establishment Day) Order 2003 (S.I. No. 181 of 2003), is obsolete and should be revoked.

[14] Note: 1997 Act also enacted changes to, for example, succession law: see Heading 23, Land Law, below.

Justice	Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2008[15]	14/2008

17.6.2. Judicial Separation

Justice	Judicial Separation and Family Law Reform Act 1989	6/1989

17.6.3. Private International Law/Conflicts of Law

Justice	Domicile and Recognition of Foreign Divorces Act 1986	24/1986
Justice	Family Law Act 2019 • Family Law Act 2019 (Commencement) Order 2019, S.I. No. 585 of 2019	37/2019

17.7. Maintenance[16]

Justice[17]	Family Law (Maintenance of Spouses and Children) Act 1976	11/1976
Justice	Maintenance Act 1994 • Maintenance Act 1994 (Commencement) Order 1995, S.I. No. 288 of 1995 • Maintenance Act 1994 (Designated Jurisdictions) (United States of America) Order 1997, S.I. No. 459 of 1997 • Maintenance Act 1994 (Section 13(2)) (Declaration) Order 1997, S.I. No. 460 of 1997	28/1994

17.8. Domestic Violence

Justice	Domestic Violence Act 2018[18] • Domestic Violence Act 2018 (Commencement) Order 2018, S.I. No. 532 of 2018 • District Court (Domestic Violence) Rules 2019, S.I. No. 79 of 2019	6/2018
Justice	Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Agency Act 2023 • Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Agency Act 2023 (Commencement) Order 2023, S.I. No. 667 of 2023 • Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Agency Act 2023 (Establishment Day) Order 2023, S.I. No. 668 of 2023	31/2023
Justice	Domestic Violence Judgments Register Act 2026	29/2026

17.9. ECA Section 3 Statutory Instruments

Foreign	European Communities Act 1972 • European Communities (Judgments in Matrimonial Matters and Matters of Parental Responsibility) Regulations 2005, S.I. No. 112 of 2005 • European Communities (Maintenance) Regulations 2011, S.I. No. 274 of 2011 • European Communities (Maintenance) (Amendment) Regulations 2011, S.I. No. 612 of 2011	27/1972

[15] This Act is also classified at Titles 2.9: Publications, 9.1: General Jurisdiction of Courts and 23.4: Succession and Wills.

[16] Maintenance Orders Act 1974 (16/1974) was repealed by European Communities (Maintenance) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 274 of 2011), reg. 25. Maintenance Orders Act, 1974 (Commencement) Order 1975 (S.I. No. 23 of 1975) is obsolete and should be revoked.

[17] Public Exp (in part): see S.I. No. 418 of 2011.

[18] Repealed Domestic Violence Act 1996 (1/1996) and Domestic Violence (Amendment) Act 2002 (30/2002)

	• European Union (Hague Maintenance Convention) Regulations 2019, S.I. No. 594 of 2019 • European Union (Decisions in Matrimonial Matters and in Matters of Parental Responsibility and International Child Abduction) Regulations 2022, S.I. No. 400 of 2022 • European Union (Hague Maintenance Convention) (Amendment) Regulations 2023, S.I. No. 111 of 2023 • European Union (Hague Maintenance Convention) (Amendment) Regulations 2024, S.I. No. 381 of 2024 • European Union (Hague Maintenance Convention) (Amendment) Regulations 2025, S.I. No. 583 of 2025	