STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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MATRIMONIAL CAUSES

SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE, ENGLAND

COUNTY COURTS

The Matrimonial Causes (Costs) (Amendment) Rules 1978

Made - - - -	29*th June* 1978
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We, the authority having power to make rules of court for the purposes mentioned in section 50 of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973(**a**), hereby exercise that power as follows:—

1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Matrimonial Causes (Costs) (Amendment) Rules 1978 and shall come into operation on 31st July 1978.

(2) In these Rules a rule referred to by number means the rule so numbered in the Matrimonial Causes (Costs) Rules 1977(**b**) and "the divorce scale" means the scale set out in the Appendix to those Rules.

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889(**c**) shall apply to the interpretation of these Rules as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. In relation to any costs fixed, assessed, or taxed on or after the day on which these Rules come into operation—

(1) in each of the rules mentioned in the first column of the following table, for the sum mentioned in the second column there shall be substituted the sum mentioned opposite thereto in the third column:—

TABLE

col. 1	*col. 2*	*col. 3*
7(3)(*a*)(i)	£67	£73·75
7(3)(*a*)(ii)	£77	£84·75
7(3)(*a*)(iii)	£55	£60·50
7(3)(*a*)(iv)	£ 8·50	£ 9·25
7(3)(*a*)(v)	£ 2	£ 2·25
7(3)(*b*)(i)	£ 4·50	£ 5
7(3)(*b*)(ii)	£ 3·50	£ 3·75
7(3)(*b*)(iii)	£10	£11
	£ 4	£ 4·50
7(3)(*b*)(iv)	£ 2·50	£ 2·75
7(3)(*c*)(ii)	£25	£27·50
7(3)(*c*)(iii)	£ 3	£ 3·25
7(4)(*a*)	£ 7	£ 7·75

(a) 1973 c. 18. (b) S.I. 1977/345. (c) 1889 c. 63.

col. 1	*col. 2*	*col. 3*
7(6)	£ 6	£ 6·50
	£ 7	£ 7·75
7(7)(*a*)(i)	£10	£11
7(7)(*a*)(ii)	£10	£11
7(7)(*a*)(iii)	£15	£16·50
7(7)(*a*)(iv)	£25	£27·50
	£22	£24·25
7(7)(*b*)(i)	£10	£11
7(7)(*b*)(ii)	£10	£11
	£ 2·50	£ 2·75
7(7)	£ 7	£ 7·75

(2) in each of the items in the divorce scale mentioned in the first column of the following Table for the amount mentioned in the second column there shall be substituted the amount mentioned opposite thereto in the third column:—

TABLE

col. 1	*col. 2*	*col. 3*
1(i)	£ 2·00	£ 2·25
	(£ 2·00)	(£ 2·25)
2	(£ 6·00)	(£ 6·50)
3	(£ 2·00)	(£ 2·25)
6(*a*)	£45·00	£49·50
	(£36·00)	(£39·50)
	(£42·00)	(£46·25)
7(i)(*a*)	(£12·00)	(£13·25)
7(i)(*b*)	£ 4·00	£ 4·50
	(£ 4·00)	(£ 4·50)
20	(£ 8·50)	(£ 9·25)
25(*a*)	(£10·00)	(£11·00)
29(*a*)	(£ 4·50)	(£ 5·00)
29(*b*)	(£ 3·50)	(£ 3·75)
33(*a*)	(£ 2·00)	(£ 2·50)

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Dated 29th June 1978.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Rules.*)

These Rules amend the Matrimonial Causes (Costs) Rules 1977 by increasing the fixed costs and the prescribed sums to be allowed in average cases under the divorce scale applicable to matrimonial proceedings in divorce county courts.

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