

# Maintenance Act, 1998

ACT NO.	99 of 1998
CATEGORY	Family & Social

## Summary

Procedure for obtaining and enforcing maintenance orders in the Maintenance Court.

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The Maintenance Act 99 of 1998 intends:

to restate and amend certain laws relating to maintenance.

Amends

Pension Funds Act 24 of 1956

Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Act 80 of 1963

Members of the Coloured Persons Representative Council Pensions Act 79 of 1974

Members of the South African Indian Council Pensions Act 86 of 1974

Criminal Procedure Act 51 of 1977

General Pensions Act 29 of 1979

Special Courts for Blacks Abolition Act 34 of 1986

Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders (Countries in Africa) Act 6 of 1989

General Law Sixth Amendment Act 204 of 1993

Justice Laws Rationalisation Act 18 of 1996

Government Employees Pension Law 1996

Judicial Matters Amendment Act 104 of 1996

Commencement

26 November 1999, excluding Sections 5 and 7(1)(d) (Gazette 20627 of 15 November 1999)

1 November 2006, Sections 5, 7(1)(d), 7(2) c) to (f) and 7(2)(b) only in so far it relates to the service of process of any maintenance court (Gazette 29343 of 31 October 2006)

### Amendments

The Southern African Legal Information Institute provides a complete amended Act at [https://www.saflii.org/za/legis/consol\\_act/ma1998109/](https://www.saflii.org/za/legis/consol_act/ma1998109/) [Updated to 5 January 2018]

Amended by Maintenance Amendment Act 9 of 2015

Amended by Jurisdiction of Regional Courts Amendment Act 31 of 2008

Amended by Judicial Matters Amendment Act 22 of 2005

Amended by Judicial Matters Second Amendment Act 55 of 2003

Amended by Judicial Matters Amendment Act 42 of 2001

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