

Domestic Abuse Act 2021 commencement schedule
as of 25th April 2022

Section(s)	Provision	Commencement date
Part 1: Definition of “domestic abuse”		
1-2	Definitions of “domestic abuse” and “personally connected”	1 October 2021 _____
3	Children as victims	30 January 2022
Part 2: The Domestic Abuse Commissioner		
4-21	The Domestic Abuse Commissioner	1 November 2021 _____
Part 3: Powers for dealing with domestic abuse		
22-56, Schedule 1	Domestic Abuse Protection Notices and Domestic Abuse Protection Orders	Early 2023

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Part 4: Local authority support

57-61	Local authority support	1 October 2021_____
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Part 5: Protection for victims, witnesses, etc in legal proceedings

62	Special measures in criminal proceedings for offences involving domestic abuse	May/June 2022
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63	Special measures in family proceedings: victims of domestic abuse	1 October 2021_____
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64	Special measures in civil proceedings: victims of domestic abuse etc	June 2022
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65	Prohibition of cross-examination in person in family proceedings	June 2022
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66	Prohibition of cross-examination in person in civil proceedings	June 2022
67	Orders under section 91(14) of the Children Act 1989	May/June 2022
Part 6: Offences involving abusive or violent behaviour		
68	Controlling or coercive behaviour in an intimate or family relationship	Summer/Autumn 2022
69	Threats to disclose private sexual photographs or films with intent to cause distress	29 June 2021
70 and Schedule 2	Strangulation or suffocation	June 2022
71	Consent to serious harm for sexual gratification not a defence	29 April 2021

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	Extraterritorial jurisdiction	
72	Offences against the person committed outside the UK: England and Wales	29 June 2021
73	Offences against the person committed outside the UK: Northern Ireland	21 February 2022
74	Amendments relating to offences committed outside the UK	Subsections (1) and (2): 29 June 2021, Subsection (3): 21 February 2022
Schedule 3	Amendments relating to offences committed outside the UK	Parts 1 and 2: 29 June 2021, Part 3: 21 February 2022
	Part 7: Miscellaneous and general	
75	Strategy for the prosecution and management of offenders	29 April 2021

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76	Polygraph conditions for offenders released on licence	5 July 2021 _____ (Three-year pilot)
77	Guidance about the disclosure of information by police forces	Summer/Autumn 2022
78	Homelessness: victims of domestic abuse	5 July 2021 _____
79	Grant of secure tenancies in cases of domestic abuse	1 November 2021 _____
80	Prohibition on charging for the provision of medical evidence of domestic abuse	1 October 2021 _____
81	Review of processing of victims' personal data for immigration purposes	29 April 2021 _____
82	Code of practice	To be determined

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83	Report on the use of contact centres in England	29 April 2021_____
84	Power of the Secretary of State to issue guidance about domestic abuse, etc	To be determined
85-86	Powers to make consequential or transitional provision, etc	29 April 2021 ^{footnote 17}
87-91	Final provisions	29 April 2021 ^{footnote 18}

Note; this is the position as of the 3rd November 2021 the [Domestic Abuse: Draft Statutory Guidance Framework](#) is yet to be finalised so some of the details may change, though the provisions in the [Domestic Abuse Act 2021](#) will remain unchanged

