

Resources: Jurisdiction of the Court includes Acts

Jurisdiction of the Court

The Family Court is a Magistrate Court established under the Family Court Act, Chapter 93 and has jurisdiction to hear matters affecting children and families arising under the following laws:

- i) The Families and Children Act, Chapter 173
- ii) The Domestic Violence Act, Chapter 178
- iii) The Married Persons (Protection) Act, Chapter 175
- iv) The International Child Abduction Act, Chapter 177
- v) The Juvenile Offenders Act, Chapter 119
- vi) Summary Jurisdiction (procedure) Act Chapter 99

The Families and Children Act

Applications most frequently made:

- Child Maintenance
- Recovery of Arrears/Remittance of Arrears
- Continuance of Payment
- Attachment of Salary
- Legal Custody
- Access/Visitation
- Variation of Orders
- Guardianship
- Declaration of Parentage
- Care and Supervisory Order

The Domestic Violence Act

Who can apply:

- A spouse, ex-spouse, a child, a police officer, an officer of the Women's Department, and a member of the respondent's household.

Types of Applications

- Protection Order
- Occupation Order
- Variation of any of the above orders
- Revocation of any of the above orders

- Tenancy Order
- Counselling Order

The Married Persons (Protection) Act

Orders to which a wife or a husband is entitled:

- Child/Spouse Maintenance
- Recovery of Arrears
- Continuance of Payment
- Revocation of Maintenance/Legal Separation
- Variation of Orders
- Legal Custody
- Legal Separation
- Revocation of Legal Separation

Summary Jurisdiction (procedure) Act

Who can apply:

A person who has an Access/Visitation Order

Type of Application

- Contempt of Access Order