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**An Act to consolidate and amend certain enactments relating to the administration of the estates of deceased persons**

## 1 Short Title and commencement

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Administration Act 1969.
- (2) This Act shall come into force on 1 January 1971.

## 2 Interpretation

- (1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

**administration** means probate of the will of a deceased person, and includes letters of administration of the estate of a deceased person, granted with or without a will annexed, for general, special, or limited purposes, and in the case of a trustee corporation includes an order to administer and an election to administer

**administrator** means any person to whom administration is granted; and includes a trustee corporation in any case where it is deemed to be an executor or administrator by reason of having filed an election to administer

**Commonwealth** means the Commonwealth of Nations; and includes every territory for whose international relations the Government of any country of the Commonwealth is responsible

**Commonwealth country** means a country that is a member of the Commonwealth; and includes every territory for whose international relations the Government of that country is responsible

**court** means the High Court; and includes a Judge of that court

**de facto relationship** has the meaning given to it by section 2 of the Property (Relationships) Act 1976

**estate** means real and personal property of every kind, including things in action

**full age** means 18 years or older

**goods** has the same meaning as in the Credit Contracts and Consumer Finance Act 2003

**hire purchase agreement** means an agreement under which goods are let or hired with an option to purchase and an agreement for the purchase of goods by instalment payments (whether the agreement describes the payments as rent or hire or otherwise) under which the person who agrees to purchase the goods is given possession of them before the total amount payable has been paid; and—

- (a) includes—
  - (i) any agreement to sell goods under which the buyer grants security over the goods to the seller for the whole or part of the purchase price and the property in the goods passes to the buyer subject to that security (in which case the agreement is a hire purchase agreement made at the time the sale is made); and