

The law and women: some measures affecting women in the UK

1945 The introduction of family allowances, paid to mothers.

1967 The Abortion Act legalized abortion.

1969 The Divorce Reform Act made divorce simpler and cheaper, allowing divorce by mutual consent.

1970 The Equal Pay Act required equal pay for equal work and outlawed explicit discrimination against women.

1975 The Sex Discrimination Act banned sexual discrimination against women and established the Equal Opportunities Commission to monitor implementation.

1976 The Child Benefit Act merged child tax allowances (paid to men) with family allowances to create a more substantial child benefit (paid to mothers).
