

Amendment and commencement master - One-page Cheat Sheet

Chapter in 2 Minutes

- 1996 commencement, 2015 reform, 2019 reform, 2021 reform and the 2020 adaptation/retrospective dates.
- Use a single source-controlled matter file.
- Assign business, legal, finance, tax and document owners.
- Preserve event-date law and procedural chronology.

Provision / control map

Gate	Meaning	Action
1996	Enacted 16 August 1996; brought into force 22 August 1996 by G.S.R. 375(E).	Reconcile each amended section and effective date before using a template or precedent.
2015	Major reforms to referral, interim relief, neutrality, procedure, timelines, costs, challenge, enforcement and schedules; generally effective 23 October 2015.	Reconcile each amended section and effective date before using a template or precedent.
2019	Introduced Part IA, institutional and procedural changes; provisions have section-specific commencement/effect dates and must not be assumed uniformly operative.	Reconcile each amended section and effective date before using a template or precedent.
2020	Territorial and State-amendment/adaptation changes reflected in current consolidation.	Reconcile each amended section and effective date before using a template or precedent.

Decision flow



Critical file

Contract/rules, authority, chronology/limitation, notices/service, pleadings/evidence, quantum, award/settlement, court and payment/security records.

Canonical: <https://finin2min.com/laws/arbitration-and-conciliation-act-1996/instruments/amendment-commencement-master.html>
Source: official India Code Act consolidation as on 1 June 2026. Verify event-date law, High Court/institution rules and judgments.