

SCHEDULE

SHERIFF COURT ADOPTION RULES 2009

CHAPTER 1

GENERAL

Citation and interpretation

1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Sheriff Court Adoption Rules 2009.

(2) In these Rules—

“the 1995 Act” means the Children (Scotland) Act 1995(1);

“the 2002 Act” means the Adoption and Children Act 2002(2);

“the 2007 Act” means the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007;

“the 2009 Regulations” means the Adoptions with a Foreign Element (Scotland) Regulations 2009(3);

“adoption agency” means—

(a) a local authority;

(b) a registered adoption service within the meaning of section 2(3) of the 2007 Act;

(c) an adoption agency within the meaning of section 2(1) of the 2002 Act (adoption agencies in England and Wales); or

(d) an adoption agency within the meaning of article 3 of the Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987(4);

“Her Majesty’s Forces” means the regular forces as defined in section 374 of the Armed Forces Act 2006(5);

“Ordinary Cause Rules” means the first Schedule to the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1907;

“Principal Reporter” has the same meaning as in section 93(1) of the 1995 Act;

“Registrar General” means the Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages for Scotland.

(3) Any reference to a specified Chapter or rule shall be construed as a reference to the Chapter or rule bearing that number in these Rules, and a reference to a specified paragraph or subparagraph shall be construed as a reference to the paragraph or subparagraph so numbered or lettered in the provision in which that reference occurs.

(4) A form referred to by number means the form so numbered in the Appendix to these Rules or a form substantially to the same effect with such variation as circumstances may require.

(1) 1995 c.36.
(2) 2002 c.38.
(3) S.S.I. 2009/182.
(4) S.I. 1987/203.
(5) 2006 c.52.