



Legitimacy Act 1976

1976 CHAPTER 31

4 Legitimation of adopted child.

- (1) [^{F1}Section 39 of the Adoption Act 1976][^{F2}or section 67 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002] does not prevent an adopted child being legitimated under section 2 or 3 above if either natural parent is the sole adoptive parent.
- (2) Where an adopted child (with a sole adoptive parent) is legitimated—
 - (a) [^{F3}sub-section (2) of the said section 39][^{F4}or subsection (3)(b) of the said section 67] shall not apply after the legitimation to the natural relationship with the other natural parent, and
 - (b) revocation of the adoption order in consequence of the legitimation shall not affect [^{F5}section 39, 41 or 42 of the Adoption Act 1976][^{F6}or section 67, 68 or 69 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002] as it applies to any instrument made before the date of legitimation.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words substituted by [Adoption Act 1976 \(c. 36, SIF 49:11\)](#), s. 73(2), [Sch. 3 para. 23\(a\)](#)
- F2** Words in s. 4(1) inserted (30.12.2005) by [Adoption and Children Act 2002 \(c. 38\)](#), s. 148(1), [Sch. 3 para. 17\(a\)](#) (with [Sch. 4 paras. 6-8](#)); [S.I. 2005/2213](#), art. 2(o)
- F3** Words substituted by [Adoption Act 1976 \(c. 36, SIF 49:11\)](#), s. 73(2), [Sch. 3 para. 23\(b\)](#)
- F4** Words in s. 4(2)(a) inserted (30.12.2005) by [Adoption and Children Act 2002 \(c. 38\)](#), s. 148(1), [Sch. 3 para. 17\(b\)\(i\)](#) (with [Sch. 4 paras. 6-8](#)); [S.I. 2005/2213](#), art. 2(o)
- F5** Words substituted by [Adoption Act 1976 \(c. 36, SIF 49:11\)](#), s. 73(2), [Sch. 3 para. 23\(c\)](#)
- F6** Words in s. 4(2)(b) inserted (30.12.2005) by [Adoption and Children Act 2002 \(c. 38\)](#), s. 148(1), [Sch. 3 para. 17\(b\)\(ii\)](#) (with [Sch. 4 paras. 6-8](#)); [S.I. 2005/2213](#), art. 2(o)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Legitimacy Act 1976, Section 4.