



# Adoption Act 1976

## 1976 CHAPTER 36

### PART IV

#### STATUS OF ADOPTED CHILDREN

#### 47 Miscellaneous enactments.

- (1) Section 39 does not apply for the purposes of [<sup>F1</sup>section 1 of and Schedule 1 to the Marriage Act 1949 or Schedule 1 to the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (prohibited degrees of kindred and affinity)], [<sup>F2</sup>or sections 64 and 65 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (sex with an adult relative)].
- (2) .....<sup>F3</sup> section 39 does not apply for the purposes of any provision of—
  - (a) [<sup>F4</sup>the British Nationality Act 1981]
  - (b) the <sup>M1</sup>Immigration Act 1971,
  - (c) any instrument having effect under an enactment within paragraph (a) or (b), or
  - (d) any other provision of the law for the time being in force which determines [<sup>F4</sup>British citizenship, British Dependent Territories citizenship]<sup>F5</sup>, the status of a British National (Overseas)] or British Overseas citizenship.]
- (3) .....<sup>F6</sup>
- (4) .....<sup>F7</sup>

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 47(1) substituted (5.12.2005) by [Civil Partnership Act 2004 \(Overseas Relationships and Consequential, etc. Amendments\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3129\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 4 para. 3**
- F2** Words in s. 47(1) substituted (8.7.2008) by [Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 \(c. 4\)](#), s. 153(2) (e), **Sch. 15 para. 7**
- F3** Words repealed by [British Nationality Act 1981 \(c. 61, SIF 87\)](#), s. 52(8), **Sch. 9**
- F4** Words substituted by [British Nationality Act 1981 \(c. 61, SIF 87\)](#), s. 52(6), **Sch. 7**

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**F5** Words inserted by S.I. 1986/948, art. 8, **Sch.**

**F6** S. 47(3) repealed by Social Security Act 1986 (c. 50, SIF 113:1), s. 86, **Sch. 11**

**F7** S. 47(4)(5) repealed by Social Security Act 1988 (c. 7, SIF 113:1), ss. 16, 19(3), **Sch. 5**

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

**C1** S. 47 restricted by Sexual Offences Act 2003 (c. 42), **s. 64(6)(a)** (as inserted (8.7.2008) by Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 (c. 4), s. 153(2)(e), **Sch. 15 para. 5(5)**)

**C2** S. 47 restricted by Sexual Offences Act 2003 (c. 42), **s. 65(6)(a)** (as inserted (8.7.2008) by Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 (c. 4), s. 153(2)(e), **Sch. 15 para. 6(5)**)

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**Marginal Citations**

**M1** 1971 c. 77(62).

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Blanket Amendment words substituted by [2005 c. 4 Sch. 11 para. 1\(2\)](#) (Amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The relevant references were repealed before the amendment came into force.)

**Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):**

- s. 3(6A)(6B) inserted by [1999 c. 18 s. 10](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 10 repealed (30.4.2003 for W., 1.6.2003 for E.) without ever being in force by 2000 c. 14, ss. 117(2), 122, Sch. 6; S.I. 2003/501, art. 2(3)(b); S.I. 2003/365, art. 3(6)(a))
- s. 13(4) inserted by [1999 c. 18 s. 11](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 11 ceases to have effect (E.W.) (30.12.2005) by virtue of 2002 c. 38, ss. 139, 148(1), Sch. 3 para. 95 (with Sch. 4 paras. 6-8); S.I. 2005/2213, art. 2(o))
- s. 52(1)(c) power to extend conferred by [2002 c. 38 Sch. 4 para. 16\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 52(1A) inserted by [2002 c. 38 Sch. 4 para. 15\(a\)](#)
- s. 56(4)-(6) inserted by [2002 c. 38 Sch. 4 para. 11\(b\)](#)