



Adoption and Children Act 2002

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- 2 In subsection (1), for “person or persons specified in subsection...

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- 3 For subsection (1A) there is substituted— (1A) The appropriate persons...
- 4 For subsection (1B) there is substituted— (1B) In this section—...
- 5 In subsection (2), for “The last foregoing subsection” there is...
- 6 *The Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953 (c. 20)*
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- 9 *The Health Services and Public Health Act 1968 (c. 46)*
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- 19 *The Adoption Act 1976 (c. 36)*
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- 28 Section 52 (restriction on advertisements) is omitted.
- 29 In section 53 (effect of determination and orders made in...
- 30 After section 53 there is inserted— Effect of certain orders...
- 31 In section 54 (evidence of adoption in England, Wales and...
- 32 In section 56 (authorised courts), in subsection (3), for “Great...
- 33 In section 59 (rules of procedure)— (a) in subsection (2)—...
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- 45 *The Child Abduction and Custody Act 1985 (c. 60)*
- 46 *The Family Law Act 1986 (c. 55)*
- 47 In section 1 (orders to which Part 1 applies), in...
- 48 In section 2 (jurisdiction: general), after subsection (2) there is...
- 49 In section 57 (declarations as to adoptions effected overseas)—
- 50 *The Family Law Reform Act 1987 (c. 42)*
- 51 In section 1 (general principle), for paragraph (c) of subsection...
- 52 In section 19 (dispositions of property), in subsection (5), after...
- 53 *The Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 (S.I. 1987/2203 (N.I. 22))*

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- 54 *The Children Act 1989 (c. 41)*
- 55 In section 8 (residence, contact and other orders with respect...
- 56 In section 10 (power of court to make section 8...
- 57 In section 12 (residence orders and parental responsibility), in subsection...
- 58 In section 16 (family assistance orders), in subsection (2)(a), for...
- 59 In section 20 (provision of accommodation for children: general), in...
- 60 In section 24 (persons qualifying for advice and assistance)—
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- 62 In section 24B (assistance with employment, education and training), in...
- 63 In section 33 (effect of care order)—
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- 65 In section 80 (inspection of children’s homes by persons authorised...
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- 67 In section 88 (amendments of adoption legislation), subsection (1) is...
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- 73 In Schedule 8 (privately fostered children), in paragraph 5, for...
- 74 Part 1 of Schedule 10 is omitted.
- 75 In Schedule 11 (jurisdiction), in paragraphs 1 and 2, for...
- 76 *The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 (c. 37)*
- 77 In section 27 (meaning of mother), in subsection (2), for...
- 78 In section 28 (meaning of father), in subsection (5)(c), for...
- 79 In section 30 (parental orders in favour of gamete donors),...
- 80 *The Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41)*
- 81 *The Child Support Act 1991 (c. 48)*
- 82 *The Children (Scotland) Act 1995 (c. 36)*
- 83 In subsection (3), in paragraph (a), for “section 18 (freeing...
- 84 In subsection (6), in paragraph (b), for the words from...
- 85 *The Family Law Act 1996 (c. 27)*
- 86 In section 62 (meaning of “relevant child” etc.)—
- 87 At the end of that section there is inserted—
- 88 In section 63 (interpretation of Part 4)—
- 89 *The Housing Act 1996 (c. 52)*
- 90 In subsection (2), for the words from “has been freed”...
- 91 After that subsection there is inserted— (2A) A child falls...
- 92 In subsection (3), for the definition of “adoption order”, there...
- 93 *The Police Act 1997 (c. 50)*
- 94 *The Protection of Children Act 1999 (c. 14)*
- 95 *The Adoption (Intercountry Aspects) Act 1999 (c. 18)*
- 96 Section 2 of that Act (accredited bodies) is amended as...
- 97 In subsection (2A)— (a) for the words from the beginning...
- 98 For subsection (5) there is substituted— (5) In this section,...
- 99 In subsection (6)— (a) the words “in its application to...
- 100 Section 14 (restriction on bringing children into the United Kingdom...
- 101 In section 16(1) (devolution: Wales), the words “, or section...
- 102 *The Access to Justice Act 1999 (c. 22)*
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- 104 In section 4 (basic definitions), in subsection (7), for “the...

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- 105 At the end of section 5 (registration authorities) there is...
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- 107 In section 14 (2) (offences conviction of which may result...
- 108 In section 16(2) (power to make regulations providing that no...
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- 113 In section 46 (inspections: supplementary), in subsection (7)(c), for
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- 116 In section 121 (general interpretation)— (a) in subsection (1), in...
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- 12 For section 56A of the Adoption Act 1976 (c. 36)...
- 13 In section 72 of the Adoption Act 1976 (c. 36)...
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- 15 In section 52 of the Adoption (Scotland) Act 1978 (c....
- 16 (1) The Secretary of State may make regulations providing for...
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- 19 In section 70(1), the reference to Part 3 of the...
- 20 *Registration of adoptions*
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- 23 *The Children (Scotland) Act 1995 (c. 36)*

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- s. 2(5) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1
- s. 4 applied by S.I. 2005/1512 reg. 15
- s. 4(9) text amended by S.I. 2010/1158 Sch. 2 para. 50(2)
- s. 5 repealed by 2004 c. 31 Sch. 5 Pt. 1
- s. 8(2)(c) repealed by S.I. 2010/1158 Sch. 2 para. 50(3)(a) Sch. 3 Pt. 2
- s. 8(2)(d) text amended by 2003 c. 43 Sch. 4 para. 126
- s. 8(4) inserted by S.I. 2010/1158 Sch. 2 para. 50(3)(b)
- s. 12(1) text amended by 2008 c. 23 s. 34(2) Sch. 4
- s. 12(3)(a) text amended by 2008 c. 23 s. 34(3) Sch. 4
- s. 12(3)(d) text amended by 2004 c. 31 s. 57
- s. 12(3A)(3B) inserted by 2008 c. 23 s. 34(4)
- s. 12(4) text amended by 2008 c. 23 s. 34(5)
- s. 12(6A) inserted by 2008 c. 23 s. 34(6)
- s. 12(8) text amended by 2008 c. 23 s. 34(7)
- s. 13(2) words substituted by 2003 c. 39 Sch. 8 para. 411
- s. 17 repealed by 2005 c. 12 Sch. 2 para. 23 Sch. 3
- s. 18(4) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2005/392 reg. 11 52 55
- s. 21(4)(b) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2005/392 reg. 11 52 55
- s. 21(4)(c) text amended by 2004 c. 33 s. 79(2)
- s. 22 excluded by S.I. 2005/2897 art. 3(7)
- s. 22 18 excluded by S.I. 2005/2897 art. 4(a)
- s. 22(5)(a)(b) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2005/392 reg. 11 52 55
- s. 24(4) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2005/392 reg. 11 52 55
- s. 25 extended (Scotland) (with modifications) by 2007 asp 4 s. 78
- s. 26(1) text amended by 2006 c. 20 Sch. 2 para. 14(2)
- s. 26(6) text amended by 2006 c. 20 Sch. 2 para. 14(3)
- s. 28(1) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2005/392 reg. 11 52 55
- s. 28(2) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2005/392 reg. 6 7
- s. 28(2) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2005/392 reg. 52 53
- s. 28(2)-(4) extended (Scotland) (with modifications) by 2007 asp 4 s. 78
- s. 29(4)(a) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2005/392 reg. 11 52 55
- s. 29(5)(a) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2005/392 reg. 11 52 55
- s. 32(5) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2005/392 reg. 11 52 55
- s. 35 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2005/392 reg. 6 8
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- s. 36-40 excluded by S.I. 2005/392 reg. 54(1)
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- s. 36(2) excluded by S.I. 2005/392 reg. 6(b)
- s. 36(4) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1
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- s. 36(6)(7) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1
- s. 37 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1
- s. 39 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2005/392 reg. 52 54(2)(b)
- s. 39(3)(a) excluded by S.I. 2005/392 reg. 6(b)
- s. 41 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1
- s. 42 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2005/392 reg. 6 9(1)
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- s. 42 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2005/392 reg. 52 56

- s. 42(7) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2005/392 reg. 11 52 55
- s. 43 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2005/392 reg. 11 52 55
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- s. 46(1)-(4) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1
- s. 47(1)-(5) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2005/392 reg. 11 52 55
- s. 47(6) modified by S.I. 2010/2469 art. 3
- s. 47(6) words substituted by S.I. 2011/1740 Sch. 1 para. 6(2)(a)
- s. 47(8)(9) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2005/392 reg. 11 52 55
- s. 47(8A) inserted by 2004 c. 33 s. 79(3)
- s. 47(10) inserted by S.I. 2011/1740 Sch. 1 para. 6(2)(b)
- s. 48 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1
- s. 48(1) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2005/392 reg. 11 52 55
- s. 49 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2005/392 reg. 52 58
- s. 50(1)(2) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2005/392 reg. 11 52 55
- s. 51(1)-(4) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2005/392 reg. 11 52 55
- s. 51(1) text amended by 2004 c. 33 s. 79(4)
- s. 51(3A) inserted by 2004 c. 33 s. 79(5)
- s. 51(4)(b) substituted by 2008 c. 22 Sch. 6 para. 39(2)
- s. 51(4)(b) text amended by 2003 c. 24 Sch. para. 18
- s. 51(5) inserted by 2008 c. 22 Sch. 6 para. 39(3)
- s. 52(1)-(4) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2005/392 reg. 11 52 55
- s. 52(1)(a) text amended by 2005 c. 9 Sch. 6 para. 45
- s. 53(5) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2005/392 reg. 11 52 55
- s. 55(2) words substituted by 2003 c. 39 Sch. 8 para. 412
- s. 60(1) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1
- s. 60(4) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1
- s. 64(1) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1
- s. 64(5) text amended by 2004 c. 33 s. 79(6)
- s. 65(1) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1
- s. 67(1)-(3) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1
- s. 67(5)(6) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1
- s. 68(3) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1
- s. 69 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1
- s. 71 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1
- s. 72(1) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1
- s. 73 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1
- s. 74 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1
- s. 74 restricted by 2003 c. 42 s. 64(6)(b) (as inserted) by 2008 c. 4 Sch. 15 para. 5(5)
- s. 74 restricted by 2003 c. 42 s. 65(6)(b) (as inserted) by 2008 c. 4 Sch. 15 para. 6(5)
- s. 74(1)(a) substituted by 2004 c. 33 s. 79(7)
- s. 74(1)(b) and word substituted for s. 74(1)(b)(c) by 2003 c. 42 Sch. 6 para. 47
- s. 75 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1
- s. 76(1) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1
- s. 77 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1
- s. 78 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1
- s. 78(3) text amended by S.I. 2008/678 Sch. 2 para. 12(a)
- s. 78(3) transfer of functions by S.I. 2008/678 Sch. 1 para. 12(a)
- s. 79 transfer of functions by S.I. 2008/678 Sch. 1 para. 12(b)
- s. 79(1)-(3) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1
- s. 79(7)-(9) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1
- s. 79(7) text amended by 2004 c. 33 s. 79(8)(b)
- s. 79(7) text amended by S.I. 2005/3542 art. 4
- s. 79(7)(b) text amended by 2004 c. 33 s. 79(8)(a)
- s. 79(9) text amended by S.I. 2008/678 Sch. 2 para. 12(b)
- s. 81(2) text amended by 2004 c. 33 s. 79(9)
- s. 81(4) text amended by S.I. 2008/678 Sch. 2 para. 12(c)
- s. 81(4) transfer of functions by S.I. 2008/678 Sch. 1 para. 12(c)

- s. 82 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1
- s. 83(1) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1
- s. 83(1)(b) text amended by 2006 c. 20 s. 14(1)
- s. 83(5) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1
- s. 83(7)-(9) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1
- s. 85(2)(b) words substituted by S.I. 2011/1740 Sch. 1 para. 6(3)
- s. 92 modified by S.I. 2005/3222 art. 3
- s. 93 modified by S.I. 2005/3222 art. 3
- s. 96(1) words inserted by S.I. 2011/1740 Sch. 1 para. 6(4)
- s. 98(6) text amended by S.I. 2008/678 Sch. 2 para. 12(d)
- s. 98(6) transfer of functions by S.I. 2008/678 Sch. 1 para. 12(d)
- s. 98(7) text amended by 2004 c. 33 s. 79(10)
- s. 99 text amended by 2003 c. 43 Sch. 9 para. 32
- s. 99 text amended by 2006 c. 40 Sch. 14 para. 76
- s. 101(1) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1
- s. 101(1) repealed by 2010 c. 26 Sch. 3 para. 12 Sch. 4 Pt. 2
- s. 101(2) repealed by 2010 c. 26 Sch. 4 Pt. 2
- s. 101(3) text amended by 2010 c. 26 Sch. 4 Pt. 2
- s. 102(1)-(4) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1
- s. 102(1) text amended by 2004 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 16(1)(2)
- s. 102(6)-(8) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1
- s. 102(7) text amended by 2004 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 16(1)(3)
- s. 102(8) inserted by 2004 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 16(1)(4)
- s. 103(1)(2) text amended by 2004 c. 31 Sch. 3 para. 17
- s. 104 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1
- s. 105(2) modified by S.I. 2010/2469 art. 4
- s. 105(2) words substituted by S.I. 2011/1740 Sch. 1 para. 6(5)(a)
- s. 105(3)(4) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1
- s. 105(3)(3A) substituted for s. 105(3) by S.I. 2011/1740 Sch. 1 para. 6(5)(b)
- s. 105(4) words substituted by S.I. 2011/1740 Sch. 1 para. 6(5)(c)
- s. 105(5) inserted by S.I. 2011/1740 Sch. 1 para. 6(5)(d)
- s. 106(3)(4) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1
- s. 107 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1
- s. 107(a) substituted by S.I. 2011/1740 Sch. 1 para. 6(6)
- s. 118(1)(c) repealed by 2008 c. 23 Sch. 4
- s. 118(2) repealed by 2008 c. 23 Sch. 4
- s. 123 modified by S.I. 2005/3222 art. 3
- s. 123(3) text amended by 2007 asp 4 Sch. 3
- s. 123(3)(a) text amended by 2007 asp 4 Sch. 2 para. 12
- s. 123(3)(a) words inserted by S.I. 2011/1740 Sch. 2 para. 5
- s. 123(3)(a) words repealed by S.I. 2011/1740 Sch. 2 Pt. 3
- s. 124 modified by S.I. 2005/3222 art. 3
- s. 124(2) excluded by S.I. 2005/3222 art. 11
- s. 131(1)(d) words substituted by S.I. 2011/2581 Sch. 2 para. 4(a)
- s. 132-134 repealed by 2007 asp 4 Sch. 3
- s. 132-134 repealed by S.I. 2011/1740 Sch. 2 Pt. 3
- s. 135 repealed by 2005 c. 15 Sch. 17 Pt. 2
- s. 140(1)(2) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1
- s. 140(7)-(9) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1
- s. 141(1) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 7 Sch. 1
- s. 141(1) words substituted by 2003 c. 39 Sch. 8 para. 413(2)
- s. 141(1) words substituted by 2005 c. 4 Sch. 1 para. 26(2) 27
- s. 141(2) repealed by 2003 c. 39 Sch. 8 para. 413(3) Sch. 10
- s. 141(3) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2005/392 reg. 11 52 55
- s. 141(3)-(6) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 7 Sch. 1
- s. 141(4)(c) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2005/392 reg. 11 52 55
- s. 141(6) inserted by 2004 c. 31 s. 62(6)
- s. 141(7) inserted by 2010 c. 26 Sch. 3 para. 13

- s. 142(1) modified by [S.I. 2005/255 \(N.I.\) art. 242\(2\)](#)
- s. 142(1) power to apply (with modifications) conferred by [2004 c. 35 s. 265\(2\)](#)
- s. 142(4) words substituted by [2005 c. 4 Sch. 1 para. 26\(2\) 28](#)
- s. 142(7) text amended by [S.I. 2008/678 Sch. 2 para. 12\(e\)](#)
- s. 142(7) transfer of functions by [S.I. 2008/678 Sch. 1 para. 12\(e\)](#)
- s. 144 words inserted by [S.I. 2011/1740 Sch. 1 para. 6\(7\)](#)
- s. 144(1)(2) applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1](#)
- s. 144(1) text amended by [2004 c. 33 s. 79\(11\)](#)
- s. 144(1) words substituted by [2003 c. 39 Sch. 8 para. 414](#)
- s. 144(3) words substituted by [S.I. 2011/2581 Sch. 2 para. 4\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 144(3) words substituted by [S.I. 2011/2581 Sch. 2 para. 4\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 144(4)(aa) inserted by [2004 c. 33 s. 79\(12\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 1 applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 2 applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 4 applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2010/985 reg. 2 Sch. 1](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 1(1) text amended by [S.I. 2008/678 Sch. 2 para. 12\(f\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 3(6)(a) text amended by [S.I. 2008/678 Sch. 2 para. 12\(f\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 1(1) transfer of functions by [S.I. 2008/678 Sch. 1 para. 12\(f\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 3(6)(a) transfer of functions by [S.I. 2008/678 Sch. 1 para. 12\(f\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 1 text amended by [S.I. 2008/678 Sch. 2 para. 12\(g\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 1 transfer of functions by [S.I. 2008/678 Sch. 1 para. 12\(g\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 3(1)(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2011/1740 Sch. 1 para. 6\(8\)](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 21-35 repealed by [2007 asp 4 Sch. 3](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 84 repealed by [2007 asp 4 Sch. 3](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 44 repealed by [2003 c. 39 Sch. 10](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 93 repealed by [2005 c. 15 Sch. 17 Pt. 2](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 20 repealed by [2006 c. 43 Sch. 4](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 94 repealed by [2006 c. 47 Sch. 10](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 38 repealed by [2010 c. 26 Sch. 4 Pt. 2](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 39 repealed by [2010 c. 26 Sch. 4 Pt. 2](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 21-35 repealed by [S.I. 2011/1740 Sch. 2 Pt. 3](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 84 repealed by [S.I. 2011/1740 Sch. 2 Pt. 3](#)
- Sch. 6 text amended by [2008 c. 23 Sch. 1 para. 14](#)

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

- Act applied by [S.I. 2005/392 reg. 52](#)
- Act excluded by [S.I. 2005/2897 art. 10](#)
- Act excluded by [S.I. 2005/2897 art. 11](#)
- Act excluded by [S.I. 2005/2897 art. 12](#)
- Act power to modify conferred by [2008 c. 22 s. 55](#)

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

- s. 91A inserted by [2006 c. 20 s. 13](#)

Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Adoption and Children Act 2002:

Commencement Orders bringing provisions within this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2003/181 art. 2](#) commences (2002 c. 38)
- [S.I. 2003/288 art. 2](#) commences (2002 c. 38)
- [S.I. 2003/366 art. 2](#) commences (2002 c. 38)
- [S.I. 2004/252 art. 2](#) commences (2002 c. 38)
- [S.I. 2004/1403 art. 2](#) commences (2002 c. 38)
- [S.I. 2004/3203 art. 2](#) commences (2003 c. 38)
- [S.I. 2005/1206 art. 2](#) commences (2002 c. 38)

- S.I. 2005/2213 art. 2 3 commences (2002 c. 38)
- S.I. 2005/3112 art. 2 commences (2002 c. 38)

Commencement Orders bringing legislation that affects this Act into force:

- S.I. 2003/3095 art. 2 commences (2003 c. 24)
- S.I. 2004/759 art. 2-13 commences (2003 c. 43)
- S.I. 2004/874 art. 2 commences (2003 c. 42)
- S.I. 2005/275 art. 2 Sch. commences (2004 c. 35)
- S.I. 2005/394 art. 2 commences (2004 c. 31)
- S.I. 2005/700 art. 2 commences (2004 c. 31)
- S.I. 2005/847 art. 2 commences (2000 c. 31)
- S.I. 2005/910 art. 3 commences (2003 c. 39)
- S.I. 2005/1432 art. 2 commences (2005 c. 12)
- S.I. 2005/2897 art. 2 commences (2002 c. 38)
- S.I. 2005/3175 art. 2 3 commences (2004 c. 33)
- S.I. 2005/3363 art. 2 commences (2004 c. 31)
- S.I. 2006/378 art. 2-7 Sch. commences (2005 c. 15)
- S.I. 2006/885 art. 2 commences (2004 c. 31)
- S.I. 2006/1014 art. 2 Sch. 1 2 commences (2005 c. 4)
- S.I. 2007/62 art. 2 commences (2005 c. 14)
- S.I. 2007/733 art. 2 commences (2006 c. 20)
- S.I. 2007/935 art. 2-7 commences (2006 c. 40)
- S.I. 2007/1897 art. 2 commences (2005 c. 9)
- S.I. 2007/2287 art. 2 commences (2006 c. 20)
- S.I. 2008/1586 art. 2 Sch. 1 commences (2008 c. 4)
- S.I. 2008/2870 art. 2 commences (2006 c. 20)
- S.I. 2009/268 art. 2 3 commences (2008 c. 23)
- S.I. 2009/479 art. 2-6 commences (2008 c. 22)
- S.I. 2009/2232 art. 2 commences (2008 c. 22)
- S.I. 2010/749 art. 2 commences (2008 c. 23)
- S.I. 2010/987 art. 2 commences (2008 c. 22)
- S.I. 2010/2612 art. 2 commences (2006 c. 20)
- S.I. 2010/2981 art. 2-4 commences (2008 c. 23)
- S.S.I. 2005/643 art. 2 commences (2002 c. 38)
- S.S.I. 2009/267 art. 2 commences (2007 asp 4)