

*These notes refer to the Adoption and Children Act 2002  
(c.38) which received Royal Assent on 7th November 2002*

# **ADOPTION AND CHILDREN ACT 2002**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 1 – Adoption**

#### ***Chapter 3 - Placement for Adoption and Adoption Orders***

#### ***Section 50: Adoption by couple***

146. Under *section 50* an application for an adoption order by a couple may only be made where both of them have reached the age of 21. However, where one of the couple is the mother or father of a child to be adopted, an application may be made if that person is 18 or over and the other person is 21 or over.