



Adoption and Children Act 2002

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PART 3

MISCELLANEOUS AND FINAL PROVISIONS

CHAPTER 1

MISCELLANEOUS

Adoption and Children Act Register

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[^{F1}(1) [^{F2}The Secretary of State may] establish and maintain a register, to be called the Adoption and Children Act Register, containing—

- (a) prescribed information about children who are suitable for adoption [^{F3}, children for whom a local authority in England are considering adoption] and prospective adopters who are suitable to adopt a child,
- (b) prescribed information about persons included in the register in pursuance of paragraph (a) in respect of things occurring after their inclusion.

[^{F4}(1A) Regulations may provide that the register may contain—

- (a) prescribed information about children who a Welsh, Scottish or Northern Irish adoption agency is satisfied are suitable for adoption,
- (b) prescribed information about prospective adopters who a Welsh, Scottish or Northern Irish adoption agency is satisfied are suitable to adopt a child,
- (c) prescribed information about persons included in the register in pursuance of paragraph (a) or (b) in respect of things occurring after their inclusion.]

(2) For the purpose of giving assistance in finding persons with whom children may be placed for purposes other than adoption, [^{F5}regulations] may—

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- (a) provide for the register to contain information about such persons and the children who may be placed with them, and
 - (b) apply any of the other provisions of this group of sections (that is, this section and sections 126 to 131), with or without modifications.
- (3) The register is not to be open to public inspection or search [^{F6}(subject to regulations under section 128A)].
- (4) [^{F7}Regulations] may make provision about the retention of information in the register.
- (5) Information is to be kept in the register in any form the Secretary of State considers appropriate.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 125-131 cease to have effect (S.) (13.5.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\)](#), s. 139(6), [Sch. 1 para. 11\(1\)](#); S.I. 2014/889, art. 5(f)
- F2** Words in s. 125(1) substituted (13.5.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\)](#), s. 139(6), [Sch. 1 para. 2\(2\)](#); S.I. 2014/889, art. 5(f)
- F3** Words in s. 125(1)(a) inserted (13.5.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\)](#), [ss. 7\(2\)\(a\)](#), 139(6); S.I. 2014/889, art. 5(b)
- F4** S. 125(1A) inserted (13.5.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\)](#), s. 139(6), [Sch. 1 para. 2\(3\)](#); S.I. 2014/889, art. 5(f)
- F5** Word in s. 125(2) substituted (13.5.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\)](#), s. 139(6), [Sch. 1 para. 2\(4\)](#); S.I. 2014/889, art. 5(f)
- F6** Words in s. 125(3) inserted (13.5.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\)](#), [ss. 7\(2\)\(b\)](#), 139(6); S.I. 2014/889, art. 5(b)
- F7** Word in s. 125(4) substituted (13.5.2014) by [Children and Families Act 2014 \(c. 6\)](#), s. 139(6), [Sch. 1 para. 2\(5\)](#); S.I. 2014/889, art. 5(f)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 125 in force at 25.7.2014 by [S.I. 2014/1961](#), [art. 2](#)

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

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

- s. 4A inserted by [2014 c. 6 s. 5](#)
- s. 141(7) inserted by [2010 c. 26 Sch. 3 para. 13](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 3 Pt. 2 repealed (4.9.2013) without ever being in force by [2013 c. 22](#), s. 17(4) ; [S.I. 2013/2200 art. 2\(a\)](#))