



Adoption and Children Act 2002

2002 CHAPTER 38

PART 3

MISCELLANEOUS AND FINAL PROVISIONS

CHAPTER 2

FINAL PROVISIONS

141 Rules of procedure

(1) [^{F1}Family Procedure Rules may make provision] in respect of any matter to be prescribed by rules made by virtue of this Act and dealing generally with all matters of procedure.

^{F2}(2)

(3) In the case of an application for a placement order, for the variation or revocation of such an order, or for an adoption order, the rules must require any person mentioned in subsection (4) to be notified—

- (a) of the date and place where the application will be heard, and
- (b) of the fact that, unless the person wishes or the court requires, the person need not attend.

(4) The persons referred to in subsection (3) are—

- (a) in the case of a placement order, every person who can be found whose consent to the making of the order is required under subsection (3)(a) of section 21 (or would be required but for subsection (3)(b) of that section) or, if no such person can be found, any relative prescribed by rules who can be found,
- (b) in the case of a variation or revocation of a placement order, every person who can be found whose consent to the making of the placement order was required under subsection (3)(a) of section 21 (or would have been required but for subsection (3)(b) of that section),

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- (c) in the case of an adoption order—
- (i) every person who can be found whose consent to the making of the order is required under subsection (2)(a) of section 47 (or would be required but for subsection (2)(c) of that section) or, if no such person can be found, any relative prescribed by rules who can be found,
 - (ii) every person who has consented to the making of the order under section 20 (and has not withdrawn the consent) unless he has given a notice under subsection (4)(a) of that section which has effect,
 - (iii) every person who, if leave were given under section 47(5), would be entitled to oppose the making of the order.

^{F3}(5)

[^{F4}(6) Rules may, for the purposes of the law relating to contempt of court, authorise the publication in such circumstances as may be specified of information relating to proceedings held in private involving children.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 141(1) substituted (1.4.2005) by [Courts Act 2003 \(c. 39\)](#), s. 110(1), [Sch. 8 para. 413\(2\)](#); [S.I. 2005/910](#), art. 3(y)
- F2** S. 141(2) repealed (1.4.2005) by [Courts Act 2003 \(c. 39\)](#), s. 110(1), [Sch. 8 para. 413\(3\)](#), [Sch. 10](#); [S.I. 2005/910](#), art. 3(y)
- F3** S. 141(5) omitted (22.4.2014) by virtue of [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), [Sch. 11 para. 158](#); [S.I. 2014/954](#), art. 2(e) (with art. 3) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2014/956](#), arts. 3-11)
- F4** S. 141(6) inserted (12.4.2005) by [Children Act 2004 \(c. 31\)](#), [ss. 62\(6\)](#), [67\(7\)\(j\)](#); [S.I. 2005/847](#), art. 2

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 141(1) applied (with modifications) (6.4.2010) by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Parental Orders\) Regulations 2010 \(S.I. 2010/985\)](#), regs. 1(1), 2, 7, [Sch. 1](#)
- C2** S. 141(3) applied (with modifications) (30.12.2005) by [The Adoptions with a Foreign Element Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/392\)](#), regs. 1(1), [11\(1\)\(r\)](#), 52, 55
- C3** S. 141(3)-(6) applied (with modifications) (6.4.2010) by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Parental Orders\) Regulations 2010 \(S.I. 2010/985\)](#), regs. 1(1), 2, 7, [Sch. 1](#)
- C4** S. 141(4)(c) applied (with modifications) (30.12.2005) by [The Adoptions with a Foreign Element Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/392\)](#), regs. 1(1), [11\(1\)\(r\)](#), 52, 55

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 141(1) words substituted by [2005 c. 4 Sch. 1 para. 26\(2\)27](#) (This amendment is not have effect at any time after the amendments made to the Adoption and Children Act 2002 by paragraph 413 of Schedule 8 to the Courts Act 2003 (c. 39) have come into force, see [2005 c. 4, Sch. 1 para. 26\(2\)](#). The amendments by [Sch. 8 para. 413](#) came into force on 1.4.2005 by S.I. 2005/910, art. 3(y))

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))