



# Adoption and Children Act 2002

## 2002 CHAPTER 38

### PART 1

#### ADOPTION

### CHAPTER 3

#### PLACEMENT FOR ADOPTION AND ADOPTION ORDERS

##### *Placement of children by adoption agency for adoption*

#### 25 Parental responsibility

- (1) This section applies while—
  - (a) a child is placed for adoption under section 19 or an adoption agency is authorised to place a child for adoption under that section, or
  - (b) a placement order is in force in respect of a child.
- (2) Parental responsibility for the child is given to the agency concerned.
- (3) While the child is placed with prospective adopters, parental responsibility is given to them.
- (4) The agency may determine that the parental responsibility of any parent or guardian, or of prospective adopters, is to be restricted to the extent specified in the determination.

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

- C1** S. 25 extended (S.) (with modifications) by 1978 c. 28, s. 53B (as inserted (30.12.2005) by [Adoption and Children Act 2002 \(c. 38\)](#), s. 148(1), [Sch. 3 para. 30](#) (with [Sch. 4 paras. 6-8](#)); S.S.I. 2005/643, art. 2(c))

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**C2** S. 25 extended (S.) (with modifications) (28.9.2009) by [Adoption and Children \(Scotland\) Act 2007](#) (asp 4), [ss. 78](#), [121\(2\)](#); [S.S.I. 2009/267](#), arts. 1(2), 2 (with arts. 3-21) (as amended (7.5.2012) by [S.S.I. 2012/99](#), art. 2)

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**Commencement Information**

**I1** S. 25 in force at 30.12.2005 by [S.I. 2005/2213](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#) (with savings and transitional provisions in [S.I. 2005/2897](#), arts. 3-16)

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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 Sch. 3 Pt. 2 repealed (4.9.2013) without ever being in force by [2013 c. 22](#), s. 17(4) ; S.I. 2013/2200 art. 2(a))