

*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

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 1 – Adoption

Chapter 3 - Placement for Adoption and Adoption Orders

Section 37: Applicants for adoption

121. Where an application for adoption has been made the child may only be removed with the leave of the court, or by a local authority or other person in exercise of a power conferred by any enactment (for example, for child protection purposes under the Children Act 1989). Once an application for an adoption order has been made in respect of a child voluntarily accommodated under section 20 of the Children Act 1989 the provision in section 20(8) allowing any person who has parental responsibility to remove the child at any time does not apply.