



Adoption and Children Act 2002

2002 CHAPTER 38

PART 1

ADOPTION

CHAPTER 4

STATUS OF ADOPTED CHILDREN

73 Meaning of disposition

- (1) This section applies for the purposes of this Chapter.
- (2) A disposition includes the conferring of a power of appointment and any other disposition of an interest in or right over property; and in this subsection a power of appointment includes any discretionary power to transfer a beneficial interest in property without the furnishing of valuable consideration.
- (3) This Chapter applies to an oral disposition as if contained in an instrument made when the disposition was made.
- (4) The date of death of a testator is the date at which a will or codicil is to be regarded as made.
- (5) The provisions of the law of intestate succession applicable to the estate of a deceased person are to be treated as if contained in an instrument executed by him (while of full capacity) immediately before his death.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 73 applied (with modifications) (6.4.2010) by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Parental Orders\) Regulations 2010 \(S.I. 2010/985\)](#), regs. 1(1), 2, [Sch. 1](#)

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Commencement Information

- II** S. 73 in force at 30.12.2005 by [S.I. 2005/2213](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#) (with savings and transitional provisions in [S.I. 2005/2897](#), arts. 3-16)

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 Sch. 3 Pt. 2 repealed (4.9.2013) without ever being in force by 2013 c. 22, s. 17(4) ; S.I. 2013/2200 art. 2(a))