
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 3266

The Adoption Agencies (Scotland) Regulations 1996

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“the Act” means the Adoption (Scotland) Act 1978;

“the 1995 Act” means the Children (Scotland) Act 1995(1);

“adoption agency” means a local authority or an approved adoption society within the meaning of the Act;

“adoption panel” means a panel appointed in accordance with regulation 7;

“court” means an authorised court as defined by section 56 of the Act;

“health board” means a health board constituted under section 2 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978(2);

“parent” has the meaning given to that term in section 65 of the Act(3).

(2) In these Regulations any reference to an adoption order shall include reference to an order under section 49 of the Act and any reference to a person proposing to adopt a child shall include reference to a person proposing to apply for such an order.

(3) In these Regulations any reference to a numbered regulation or schedule shall be construed as a reference to the regulation or schedule bearing that number in these Regulations, and any reference to a numbered paragraph shall be a reference to the paragraph bearing that number in the regulation in which the reference to the numbered paragraph is made.

(1) 1995 c. 36.

(2) 1978 c. 29.

(3) Section 65 was amended by the 1995 Act, Schedule 2, paragraph 29.