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WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2013 No. 2901**

The Family Absence for Members of Local  
Authorities (Wales) Regulations 2013

PART 3

Adopter's absence

**Prescribed conditions**

14. For the purposes of section 26(1) of the Measure, the prescribed conditions are that the member—

- (a) is the child's adopter; and
- (b) gives the head of democratic services written notice of the date the member intends the period of adopter's absence to start.

**Extent of entitlement to adopter's absence**

15. A member's entitlement to adopter's absence is two consecutive weeks.

**When adopter's absence may be taken**

16. Adopter's absence may only be taken during the period—

- (a) beginning with the date on which the child is placed with the member for adoption; and
- (b) ending 56 days after that date.

**Member to choose start date of adopter's absence**

17. Provided that the period of adopter's absence will come to an end within the period prescribed by regulation 16, a member may choose the date on which their adopter's absence is to start.

**Cancelling adopter's absence**

18. The circumstances in which a member may cancel a period of adopter's absence are that—

- (a) the period of adopter's absence has not yet started; and
- (b) the member has notified the head of democratic services in writing of their intention to cancel the absence.

**Interpretation of this Part**

19.—(1) In this Part—

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“adopter” (“*mabwysiaddd*”) in relation to a child, means a member who has been matched with a child for adoption, or in a case where two members have been matched jointly, whichever of them has elected to be the child’s adopter for the purposes of this Part;

“adoption agency” (“*asiantaeth fabwysiadu*”) means a body which may be referred to as an adoption agency by virtue of section 2 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002<sup>(1)</sup>; and

“child” (“*plentyn*”) means a person who is, or when placed with an adopter for adoption was, under the age of eighteen.

(2) For the purposes of this Part a member is matched with a child for adoption when an adoption agency notifies that member of its decision that the member is a suitable adoptive parent for the child, whether individually or jointly with another person.

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<sup>(1)</sup> 2002 c.38.