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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 4

New adoption absence

**Prescribed conditions**

**20.** For the purposes of section 27(1) of the Measure, the prescribed conditions are that the member—

- (a) is married to, the civil partner or the partner of the child's adopter;
- (b) has, or expects to have, the main responsibility (apart from the responsibility of the adopter) for the upbringing of the child; and
- (c) 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 new adoption absence**

**21.**—(1) A member's entitlement to new adoption absence is two consecutive weeks.

(2) Where more than one child is placed with the member as part of the same arrangement, a member is entitled to new adoption absence only in respect of the first child placed with the member for adoption.

**When new adoption absence may be taken**

**22.** New adoption absence may only be taken during the period—

- (a) beginning with the date on which the child is placed with the child's adopter; and
- (b) ending 56 days after that date.

**Cancelling new adoption absence**

**23.** The circumstances in which a member may cancel a period of new adoption absence are that—

- (a) the period of new adoption 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.

### **Member to choose start date of new adoption absence**

24. Provided that the period of new adoption absence will come to an end within the period prescribed by regulation 22, a member may choose the date on which their new adoption absence is to start.

### **Interpretation of this Part**

25.—(1) In this Part—

“adopter” (“*mabwysiadydd*”) in relation to a child, means a person who has been matched with the child for adoption, or in a case where two people have been matched jointly, whichever of them has elected to be the child’s adopter for the purpose of Part 3 of these Regulations;

“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;

“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 person is matched with a child for adoption when an adoption agency decides that that person would be a suitable adoptive parent for the child, either individually or jointly with another person.