



Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007

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PART 1

ADOPTION

CHAPTER 2

THE ADOPTION PROCESS

Pre-adoption requirements

16 Home visits

- (1) Where a child was placed for adoption with the applicants by an adoption agency, an adoption order may not be made unless the appropriate court is satisfied that the condition in subsection (2) is met.
- (2) The condition is that sufficient opportunities to see the child with the applicant or, in the case of an application by two applicants, both of them together in the home environment have been given to the agency.
- (3) Where the child was not placed for adoption with the applicants by an adoption agency, an adoption order may not be made unless the appropriate court is satisfied that the condition in subsection (4) is met.
- (4) The condition is that sufficient opportunities to see the child with the applicant or, in the case of an application by two applicants, both of them together in the home environment have been given—
 - (a) where the home is in Scotland, to the local authority within whose area the home is situated,
 - (b) where the home is outwith Scotland, to any local authority.