



# Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007

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## PART 1

### ADOPTION

#### CHAPTER 2

##### THE ADOPTION PROCESS

###### *Pre-adoption requirements*

#### **19 Notice under section 18: local authority's duties**

- (1) This section applies where a local authority receives a notice under section 18 in respect of a child.
- (2) On receipt of the notice the authority must—
  - (a) investigate the matter, and
  - (b) submit to the court a report of the investigation.
- (3) The local authority must in particular investigate—
  - (a) so far as is reasonably practicable, the suitability of the applicants and any other matters relevant to the operation of section 14 in relation to the application,
  - (b) whether there has been a contravention of section 75 in relation to the child, and
  - (c) whether there has been a failure to comply with section 76(2) in relation to the child.
- (4) If the authority knows that the child is being looked after by another local authority, it must, before the expiry of the period of 7 days beginning with the day on which it receives the notice, give the other authority a copy of the notice.