

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1987 No. 2203

The Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987

PART III

ADOPTION ORDERS

The making of adoption orders

[^{F1}Adoption by ^{F2}... couple

14.—(1) An adoption order shall not be made on the application of more than one person except in the circumstances specified in paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) An adoption order may be made on the application of a [^{F3}couple where both of them] have attained the age of 21 years.

(3) An adoption order may be made on the application of a ^{F4}... couple where—

(a) [^{F5}one of the couple] —

(i) is the father or mother of the child; and

(ii) has attained the age of 18 years;

and

(b) [^{F6}the other] has attained the age of 21 years.

(4) An adoption order shall not be made on the application of a ^{F7}... couple unless at least one of them is domiciled in a part of the United Kingdom, or in any of the Channel Islands or in the Isle of Man.]

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F2 Word in art. 14 heading omitted (13.1.2020) by virtue of [The Marriage \(Same-sex Couples\) and Civil Partnership \(Opposite-sex Couples\) \(Northern Ireland\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/1514), regs. 1(2), **30(4)(a)** (with regs. 6-9)

F3 Words in art. 14(2) substituted (13.1.2020) by [The Marriage \(Same-sex Couples\) and Civil Partnership \(Opposite-sex Couples\) \(Northern Ireland\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/1514), regs. 1(2), **30(4)(b)** (with regs. 6-9)

F4 Word in art. 14(3) omitted (13.1.2020) by virtue of [The Marriage \(Same-sex Couples\) and Civil Partnership \(Opposite-sex Couples\) \(Northern Ireland\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/1514), regs. 1(2), **30(4)(c)(i)** (with regs. 6-9)

F5 Words in art. 14(3)(a) substituted (13.1.2020) by [The Marriage \(Same-sex Couples\) and Civil Partnership \(Opposite-sex Couples\) \(Northern Ireland\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/1514), regs. 1(2), **30(4)(c)(ii)** (with regs. 6-9)

F6 Words in art. 14(3)(b) substituted (13.1.2020) by [The Marriage \(Same-sex Couples\) and Civil Partnership \(Opposite-sex Couples\) \(Northern Ireland\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/1514), regs. 1(2), **30(4)(c)(iii)** (with regs. 6-9)

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987, Section 14. (See end of Document for details)*

- F7** Word in art. 14(4) omitted (13.1.2020) by virtue of [The Marriage \(Same-sex Couples\) and Civil Partnership \(Opposite-sex Couples\) \(Northern Ireland\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1514\)](#), regs. 1(2), **30(4)(d)** (with regs. 6-9)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Art. 14(2) amendment earlier affecting provision 1969 c. 22 (NI) s. 2(a) (13.1.2020) by [The Marriage \(Same-sex Couples\) and Civil Partnership \(Opposite-sex Couples\) \(Northern Ireland\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1514\)](#), regs. 1(2), **29(3)** (with regs. 6-9)

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