
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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PART V

STATUS OF ADOPTED CHILDREN

Adoptive relatives

41. A relationship existing by virtue of Article 40 may be referred to as an adoptive relationship, and

- (a) a male adopter may be referred to as the adoptive father;
- (b) a female adopter may be referred to as the adoptive mother;
- (c) any other relative of any degree under an adoptive relationship may be referred to as an adoptive relative of that degree,

but this Article does not prevent the term “parent”, or any other term not qualified by the word “adoptive”, being treated as including an adoptive relative.