

*These notes refer to the Adoption and Children Act 2002
(c.38) which received Royal Assent on 7th November 2002*

ADOPTION AND CHILDREN ACT 2002

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 1 – Adoption

Chapter 3 - Placement for Adoption and Adoption Orders

Section 48: Restrictions on making adoption orders

144. *Section 48* provides that a court may not hear an application for an adoption order where a previous application by the same adopters in respect of the same child was refused, unless it appears to the court that there is a change of circumstances or other reason which justifies the second application.