



# Adoption and Children Act 2002

## 2002 CHAPTER 38

### PART 1

#### ADOPTION

### CHAPTER 3

#### PLACEMENT FOR ADOPTION AND ADOPTION ORDERS

#### *Placement of children by adoption agency for adoption*

#### **24 Revoking placement orders**

- (1) The court may revoke a placement order on the application of any person.
- (2) But an application may not be made by a person other than the child or the local authority authorised by the order to place the child for adoption unless—
  - (a) the court has given leave to apply, and
  - (b) the child is not placed for adoption by the authority.
- (3) The court cannot give leave under subsection (2)(a) unless satisfied that there has been a change in circumstances since the order was made.
- (4) If the court determines, on an application for an adoption order, not to make the order, it may revoke any placement order in respect of the child.
- (5) Where—
  - (a) an application for the revocation of a placement order has been made and has not been disposed of, and
  - (b) the child is not placed for adoption by the authority,the child may not without the court's leave be placed for adoption under the order.

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 24(4) applied (with modifications) (30.12.2005) by [The Adoptions with a Foreign Element Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/392\)](#), regs. 1(1), **11(1)(e)**, 52, 55
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**Commencement Information**

- I1** S. 24 in force at 30.12.2005 by [S.I. 2005/2213](#), **art. 2(c)** (with savings and transitional provisions in [S.I. 2005/2897](#), arts. 3-16)

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 4A inserted by [2014 c. 6 s. 5](#)
- s. 141(7) inserted by [2010 c. 26 Sch. 3 para. 13](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 3 Pt. 2 repealed (4.9.2013) without ever being in force by [2013 c. 22, s. 17\(4\)](#) ; [S.I. 2013/2200 art. 2\(a\)](#))