



Adoption and Children Act 2002

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PART 1

ADOPTION

CHAPTER 4

STATUS OF ADOPTED CHILDREN

68 Adoptive relatives

- (1) A relationship existing by virtue of section 67 may be referred to as an adoptive relationship, and—
 - (a) an adopter may be referred to as an adoptive parent or (as the case may be) as an adoptive father or adoptive mother,
 - (b) any other relative of any degree under an adoptive relationship may be referred to as an adoptive relative of that degree.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not affect the interpretation of any reference, not qualified by the word “adoptive”, to a relationship.
- (3) A reference (however expressed) to the adoptive mother and father of a child adopted by—
 - (a) a couple of the same sex, or
 - (b) a partner of the child’s parent, where the couple are of the same sex,is to be read as a reference to the child’s adoptive parents.