
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2003 No. 368

The National Care Standards Commission (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Adoption Agencies) Regulations 2003

PART III

FREQUENCY OF INSPECTIONS

Frequency of inspections — voluntary adoption agencies

7.—(1) The Commission shall arrange for premises which are used for the purposes of an agency to be inspected a minimum of once in every 3 year period.

(2) Any inspection referred to in paragraph (1) may be unannounced.

(3) The first 3 year period shall commence in the case of—

(a) an existing provider, on 30th April 2003; and

(b) a new provider, the date on which the certificate of registration is issued.

Frequency of inspections — local authorities

8.—(1) The Commission shall arrange for premises which are used for the purposes of the discharge of relevant adoption functions by a local authority to be inspected a minimum of once in every 3 year period.

(2) Any inspection referred to in paragraph (1) may be unannounced.

(3) The first 3 year period shall commence—

(a) in the case of a local authority that is discharging relevant adoption functions on the date on which these Regulations come into force, on 30th April 2003; and

(b) in all other cases the date on which a local authority first discharges relevant adoption functions.