
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Adoption Agencies Regulations 2005

PART 4

**DUTIES OF ADOPTION AGENCY IN
RESPECT OF A PROSPECTIVE ADOPTER**

Requirement to provide counselling and information

21.—(1) Where an adoption agency is considering a person's suitability to adopt a child, the agency must—

- (a) provide a counselling service for the prospective adopter;
- (b) in a section 83 case, explain to the prospective adopter the procedure in relation to, and the legal implications of, adopting a child from the country from which the prospective adopter wishes to adopt;
- (c) in any other case, explain to him the procedure in relation to, and the legal implications of, placement for adoption and adoption; and
- (d) provide him with written information about the matters referred to in sub-paragraph (b) or, as the case may be, (c).

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply if the adoption agency is satisfied that the requirements set out in that paragraph have been carried out in respect of the prospective adopter by another adoption agency.