



Adoption Act 1976

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 11(3)(a) words substituted by [2000 c. 14 Sch. 4 para. 5\(7\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 52(2) words substituted by [2002 c. 38 Sch. 4 para. 15\(b\)](#)
- s. 66(1) words substituted by [2005 c. 4 Sch. 1 para. 10](#) (Amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The affected section was repealed before the amendment came into force.)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Blanket Amendment words substituted by [2005 c. 4 Sch. 11 para. 1\(2\)](#) (Amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The relevant references were repealed before the amendment came into force.)

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

- s. 3(6A)(6B) inserted by [1999 c. 18 s. 10](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 10 repealed (30.4.2003 for W., 1.6.2003 for E.) without ever being in force by [2000 c. 14](#), ss. 117(2), 122, Sch. 6; S.I. 2003/501, art. 2(3)(b); S.I. 2003/365, art. 3(6)(a))
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