



# Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007

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## PART 1

### ADOPTION

#### CHAPTER 3

##### STATUS OF ADOPTED CHILDREN

### 39 Meaning of “adoption” in Chapter 3

- (1) In this Chapter, “adoption” means—
- (a) adoption by an adoption order,
  - (b) adoption by an adoption order as defined in section 46(1) of the 2002 Act,
  - (c) adoption by an order made, or having effect as if made, under Article 12 of the Northern Ireland Order,
  - (d) adoption by an order made in the Isle of Man or any of the Channel Islands,
  - (e) a Convention adoption,
  - (f) an overseas adoption, or
  - (g) an adoption recognised by the law of Scotland and effected under the law of any other country;
- and related expressions are to be interpreted accordingly.
- (2) References in this Chapter to adoption do not include an adoption effected before the day on which this Chapter comes into force.
- (3) Any reference in an enactment to an adopted person within the meaning of this Chapter includes a reference to an adopted child within the meaning of Part IV of the Adoption (Scotland) Act 1978 (c. 28).