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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1985 No. 1638 (N.I. 17)**

**The Child Abduction (Northern Ireland) Order 1985**

- - - - 30th October 1985

**THE CHILD ABDUCTION (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1985**

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SCHEDULE — MODIFICATIONS OF ARTICLE 3 FOR CHILDREN IN CERTAIN CASES

— *Children in the care of an authority. . .*

1. (1) This paragraph applies in the case of a child...  
Para. 2 rep. by 1998 NI 9  
— *Adoption*
3. (1) This paragraph applies in the case of a child—...  
— *Children subject to training school orders*
4. (1) This paragraph applies in the case of a child...  
— *Cases within paragraphs 1 and 3*
5. In the case of a child falling within both paragraph...

**Changes to legislation:**

The Child Abduction (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 30 March 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

[View outstanding changes](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- Sch. para. 3(1)(2) substituted by 2022 c. 18 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 5(2)
- Sch. para. 3(3)(a) words substituted by 2022 c. 18 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 5(3)(a)
- Sch. para. 3(3)(b) words substituted by 2022 c. 18 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 5(3)(b)
- art. 3(2A)(a)(b) substituted by 2022 c. 18 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 4(3)
- art. 3(3A)(a)(i) word repealed by 2022 c. 18 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 4(4)(a)Sch. 5
- art. 3(5) words inserted by 2022 c. 18 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 4(5)(a)
- art. 3(5) words inserted by 2022 c. 18 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 4(5)(b)

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

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

- art. 3(2)(ca) inserted by 2022 c. 18 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 4(2)
- art. 3(3A)(a)(ia) inserted by 2022 c. 18 (N.I.) Sch. 3 para. 4(4)(b)