



Adoption Act 1976

1976 CHAPTER 36

PART I

THE ADOPTION SERVICE

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^{F1} 1 Establishment of Adoption Service.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 1-37 repealed (30.12.2005) by [Adoption and Children Act 2002 \(c. 38\)](#), s. 148(1), [Sch. 5](#) (with [Sch. 4 paras. 2, 6-8](#)); S.I. 2005/2897, [art. 2\(b\)](#)

^{F2} 2 Local authorities' social services.

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Adoption societies

^{F3} 3 Approval of adoption societies.

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^{F1}4 Withdrawal of approval.

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^{F1}5 Procedure on refusal to approve, or withdrawal of approval from, adoption societies.

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Welfare of children

^{F1}6 Duty to promote welfare of child.

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^{F1}7 Religious upbringing of adopted child.

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Supplemental

F¹8 Inactive or defunct adoption societies.

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F¹9 Regulation of adoption agencies.

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Textual Amendments

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F¹9A Independent review of determinations

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- F2** S. 10 repealed by [Health and Social Services and Social Security Adjudications Act 1983 \(c. 41, SIF 113:3\)](#), ss. 9, 30, [Sch. 2 para. 30](#), **Sch. 10 Pt. I**

F¹11 Restriction on arranging adoptions and placing of children.

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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 The relevant references were repealed before the amendment came into force.)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 S. 10 repealed (30.4.2003 for W., 1.6.2003 for E.) without ever being in force by 2000 c. 14, ss. 117(2), 122, Sch. 6; S.I. 2003/501, art. 2(3)(b); S.I. 2003/365, art.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))
- s. 13(4) inserted by [1999 c. 18 s. 11](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 11 ceases to have effect (E.W.) (30.12.2005) by virtue of 2002 c. 38, ss. 139, 148(1), Sch. 3 para. 95 (with Sch. 4 paras. 6-8); S.I. 2005/2213, art. 2(o))
- s. 52(1)(c) power to extend conferred by [2002 c. 38 Sch. 4 para. 16\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 52(1A) inserted by [2002 c. 38 Sch. 4 para. 15\(a\)](#)
- s. 56(4)-(6) inserted by [2002 c. 38 Sch. 4 para. 11\(b\)](#)