



# Adoption (Scotland) Act 1978

## 1978 CHAPTER 28

An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to adoption in Scotland with amendments to give effect to recommendations of the Scottish Law Commission. [20th July 1978]

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Power to amend Act conferred (5.7.1994) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990](#) (c. 37, SIF 83:1), **s. 30(9)(10)** (with ss. 39(3), 43(2)); S.I. 1994/1776, **art. 2(1)**
- C2** Act modified (1.11.1994) by S.I. 1994/2804, art. 2, **Sch. 1**
- C3** Act: power to modify conferred (1.10.2009) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008](#) (c. 22), **ss. 55, 68(2)**; S.I. 2009/2232, art. 2(q)

### Commencement Information

- I1** Act not in force at Royal Assent; wholly in force at 1.2.1985

**Changes to legislation:**

Adoption (Scotland) Act 1978, Introductory Text is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 26 September 2023. 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.

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

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

- s. 50(4)(5) inserted by [2002 c. 38 s. 133\(1\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 56A restricted by [1999 c. 18 s. 16\(1\)](#)
- s. 65(2)-(2D) substituted for s. 65(2) by [2002 c. 38 s. 134](#)