



Adoption and Children Act 2002

2002 CHAPTER 38

PART 1

ADOPTION

CHAPTER 3

PLACEMENT FOR ADOPTION AND ADOPTION ORDERS

Placement and adoption: general

55 Revocation of adoptions on legitimisation

- (1) Where any child adopted by one natural parent as sole adoptive parent subsequently becomes a legitimated person on the marriage of^{F1}, or formation of a civil partnership by,] the natural parents, the court by which the adoption order was made may, on the application of any of the parties concerned, revoke the order.

^{F2}(2)

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 55(1) inserted (2.12.2019) by [The Civil Partnership \(Opposite-sex Couples\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1458\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para. 24**
- F2** S. 55(2) omitted (22.4.2014) by virtue of [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), **Sch. 11 para. 153**; [S.I. 2014/954](#), art. 2(e) (with art. 3) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2014/956](#), arts. 3-11)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 55 in force at 30.12.2005 by [S.I. 2005/2213](#), art. 2(c) (with savings and transitional provisions in [S.I. 2005/2897](#), arts. 3-16)

Changes to legislation:

Adoption and Children Act 2002, Section 55 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 27 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.

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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. 4A inserted by [2014 c. 6 s. 5](#)
- s. 141(7) inserted by [2010 c. 26 Sch. 3 para. 13](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 3 Pt. 2 repealed (4.9.2013) without ever being in force by [2013 c. 22](#), s. 17(4) ; S.I. 2013/2200 art. 2(a))