



Adoption and Children Act 2002

2002 CHAPTER 38

PART 1

ADOPTION

CHAPTER 4

STATUS OF ADOPTED CHILDREN

67 Status conferred by adoption

- (1) An adopted person is to be treated in law as if born as the child of the adopters or adopter.
- (2) An adopted person is the legitimate child of the adopters or adopter and, if adopted by—
 - (a) a couple, or
 - (b) one of a couple under section 51(2),is to be treated as the child of the relationship of the couple in question.
- (3) An adopted person—
 - (a) if adopted by one of a couple under section 51(2), is to be treated in law as not being the child of any person other than the adopter and the other one of the couple, and
 - (b) in any other case, is to be treated in law, subject to subsection (4), as not being the child of any person other than the adopters or adopter;but this subsection does not affect any reference in this Act to a person's natural parent or to any other natural relationship.
- (4) In the case of a person adopted by one of the person's natural parents as sole adoptive parent, subsection (3)(b) has no effect as respects entitlement to property depending on relationship to that parent, or as respects anything else depending on that relationship.

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- (5) This section has effect from the date of the adoption.
- (6) Subject to the provisions of this Chapter and Schedule 4, this section—
- (a) applies for the interpretation of enactments or instruments passed or made before as well as after the adoption, and so applies subject to any contrary indication, and
 - (b) has effect as respects things done, or events occurring, on or after the adoption.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 67(1)-(3) applied (with modifications) (6.4.2010) by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Parental Orders\) Regulations 2010 \(S.I. 2010/985\)](#), regs. 1(1), 2, **Sch. 1**
- C2** S. 67(5)(6) applied (with modifications) (6.4.2010) by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology \(Parental Orders\) Regulations 2010 \(S.I. 2010/985\)](#), regs. 1(1), 2, **Sch. 1**

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 67 in force at 30.12.2005 by [S.I. 2005/2213](#), **art. 2(d)** (with savings and transitional provisions in [S.I. 2005/2897](#), arts. 3-16)

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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\(a\)](#))