



Adoption and Children Act 2002

2002 CHAPTER 38

PART 1

ADOPTION

CHAPTER 5

THE REGISTERS

Adopted Children Register etc.

78 Searches and copies

- (1) The Registrar General must continue to maintain at the General Register Office an index of the Adopted Children Register.
- (2) Any person may—
 - (a) search the index,
 - (b) have a certified copy of any entry in the Adopted Children Register.
- (3) But a person is not entitled to have a certified copy of an entry in the Adopted Children Register relating to an adopted person who has not attained the age of 18 years unless the applicant has provided the Registrar General with the prescribed particulars.

“Prescribed” means prescribed by regulations made by the Registrar General with the approval of [^{F1}the Secretary of State].
- (4) The terms, conditions and regulations as to payment of fees, and otherwise, applicable under the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953 (c. 20), and the Registration Service Act 1953 (c. 37), in respect of—
 - (a) searches in the index kept in the General Register Office of certified copies of entries in the registers of live-births,

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- (b) the supply from that office of certified copies of entries in those certified copies,
also apply in respect of searches, and supplies of certified copies, under subsection (2).

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 78(3) substituted (3.4.2008) by [The Transfer of Functions \(Registration\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/678\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 12(a)** (with art. 4)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 78 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. 78(3): transfer of functions (3.4.2008) by [The Transfer of Functions \(Registration\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/678\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 12(a)** (with art. 4)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 78(1)(2)(4) in force at 30.12.2005 by [S.I. 2005/2213](#), **art. 2(e)** (with savings and transitional provisions in [S.I. 2005/2897](#), arts. 3-16)
- I2** S. 78(3) in force at 7.12.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/3203](#), **art. 2(1)(m)(vi)**
- I3** S. 78(3) in force at 30.12.2005 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2005/2213](#), **art. 2(e)** (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\(a\)](#))