



Adoption and Children Act 2002

2002 CHAPTER 38

PART 1

ADOPTION

CHAPTER 5

THE REGISTERS

Adoption Contact Register

81 Adoption Contact Register: supplementary

- (1) The Adoption Contact Register is not to be open to public inspection or search.
- (2) In section 80, “relative”, in relation to an adopted person, means any person who (but for his adoption) would be related to him by blood (including half-blood) [^{F1}, marriage or civil partnership].
- (3) The Registrar General must not give any information entered in the register to any person except in accordance with subsection (6)(a) of that section or regulations made by virtue of section 64(4)(b).
- (4) In section 80, “regulations” means regulations made by the Registrar General with the approval of [^{F2}the Secretary of State], and “prescribed” means prescribed by such regulations.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 81(2) substituted (30.12.2005) by [Civil Partnership Act 2004 \(c. 33\)](#), **ss. 79(9)**, 263(2); S.I. 2005/3175, art. 2(9)
- F2** Words in s. 81(4) substituted (3.4.2008) by [The Transfer of Functions \(Registration\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/678\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 12(c)** (with art. 4)

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 81(4): 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\(c\)](#) (with [art. 4](#))

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 81(1)-(3) 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. 81(4) in force at 7.12.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/3203](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(m\)\(vi\)](#)
- I3** S. 81(4) 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 Sch. 3 Pt. 2 repealed (4.9.2013) without ever being in force by [2013 c. 22](#), s. 17(4) ; [S.I. 2013/2200 art. 2\(a\)](#))