



Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008

2008 CHAPTER 22

PART 2

PARENTHOOD IN CASES INVOLVING ASSISTED REPRODUCTION

Parental orders

55 Parental orders: supplementary provision

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide—
 - (a) for any provision of the enactments about adoption to have effect, with such modifications (if any) as may be specified in the regulations, in relation to orders under section 54 [^{F1}or 54A], and applications for such orders, as it has effect in relation to adoption, and applications for adoption orders, and
 - (b) for references in any enactment to adoption, an adopted child or an adoptive relationship to be read (respectively) as references to the effect of an order under section 54 [^{F2}or 54A], a child to whom such an order applies and a relationship arising by virtue of the enactments about adoption, as applied by the regulations, and for similar expressions in connection with adoption to be read accordingly.
- (2) The regulations may include such incidental or supplemental provision as appears to the Secretary of State to be necessary or desirable in consequence of any provision made by virtue of subsection (1)(a) or (b).
- (3) In this section “the enactments about adoption” means—
 - (a) the Adoption (Scotland) Act 1978 (c. 28),
 - (b) the Adoption and Children Act 2002 (c. 38),
 - (c) the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007 (asp 4), and
 - (d) the Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 (S.I. 1987/2203 (N.I. 22)).

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 55(1)(a) inserted (3.1.2019) by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(Remedial\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1413\)](#), arts. 1(1), **2(6)**
- F2** Words in s. 55(1)(b) inserted (3.1.2019) by [The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 2008 \(Remedial\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1413\)](#), arts. 1(1), **2(6)**

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- s. 55(3)(c) word repealed by [2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 75\(a\)](#)[Sch. 5](#)

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

- s. 55(3)(e) and word inserted by [2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 75\(b\)](#)