
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1983 No. 1964

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS

The Adoption Agencies Regulations 1983

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THE ADOPTION AGENCIES REGULATIONS 1983

1. Citation, commencement, extent and interpretation
 2. Approval of adoption societies
 3. Annual reports and information to be provided by approved adoption societies
 4. Application of regulations to certain adoption agencies
 5. Establishment of adoption panel and appointment of members
 6. Adoption agency arrangements for adoption work
 7. Adoption agency's duties in respect of a child and his parents or guardian
 8. Adoption agency's duties in respect of a prospective adopter
 9. Adoption agency's duties in respect of proposed placement
 10. Adoption panel functions
 11. Adoption agency decisions and notifications
 12. Placement for adoption
 13. Review of case where no placement made within six months of freeing for adoption
 14. Confidentiality and preservation of case records
 15. Access to case records and disclosure of information
 16. Transfer of case records
 17. Progress reports under section 15 of the 1975 Act
 18. Revocations
- Signature

SCHEDULE —

PART I — PARTICULARS RELATING TO THE CHILD

1. Name, sex, date and place of birth and address.
2. Whether legitimate or illegitimate at birth and, if illegitimate whether...
3. Nationality.

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4. Physical description.
 5. Personality and social development.
 6. Religion, including details of baptism, confirmation or equivalent ceremonies.
 7. Details of any wardship proceedings and of any court orders...
 8. Details of any brothers and sisters, including dates of birth,...
 9. Extent of access to members of the child's natural family...
 10. If the child has been in the care of a...
 11. Names, addresses and types of schools attended, with dates and...
 12. Any special needs in relation to the child's health (whether...
 13. What, if any, rights to or interest in property or...
 14. Wishes and feelings in relation to adoption and, as the...
 15. Any other relevant information which the agency considers may assist...
- PART II — MATTERS TO BE COVERED IN REPORT ON THE CHILD'S HEALTH
1. Name, date of birth, sex, weight and height.
 2. A neo-natal report on the child, including—
 3. A full health history and examination of the child, including—...
 4. The signature, name, address and qualifications of the registered medical...
- PART III — PARTICULARS RELATING TO EACH NATURAL PARENT, INCLUDING WHERE APPROPRIATE THE FATHER OF AN ILLEGITIMATE CHILD
1. Name, date and place of birth and address.
 2. Marital status and date and place of marriage (if any)....
 3. Past and present relationship (if any) with the other natural...
 4. Physical description.
 5. Personality.
 6. Religion.
 7. Educational attainments.
 8. Past and present occupations and interests.
 9. Names and brief details of the personal circumstances of the...
 10. Wishes and feelings in relation to adoption and, as the...
 11. Any other relevant information which the agency considers may assist...
- PART IV — PARTICULARS RELATING TO THE HEALTH OF EACH NATURAL PARENT INCLUDING WHERE APPROPRIATE THE FATHER OF AN ILLEGITIMATE CHILD
1. Name, date of birth, sex, weight and height.
 2. A family health history, covering the parents, the brothers and...
 3. Past health history, including details of any serious physical or...
 4. A full obstetric history of the mother, including any problems...
 5. Details of any present illness, including treatment and prognosis.
 6. Any other relevant information which the agency considers may assist...
 7. The signature, name, address and qualifications of any registered medical...
- PART V — PARTICULARS RELATING TO A GUARDIAN
1. Particulars referred to in paragraphs 1, 6, 10 and 11...
- PART VI — PARTICULARS RELATING TO THE PROSPECTIVE ADOPTER
1. Name, date and place of birth and address.
 2. Domicile.
 3. Marital status, date and place of marriage (if any) and...
 4. Details of any previous marriage.
 5. If a married person proposes to adopt a child alone,...
 6. Physical description.
 7. Personality.

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8. Religion, and whether willing to follow any wishes of a...
 9. Educational attainments.
 10. Past and present occupations and interests.
 11. Details of income and comments on the living standards of...
 12. Details of other members of the prospective adopter's household (including...
 13. Details of the parents and any brothers or sisters of...
 14. Attitudes to adoption of such other members of the prospective...
 15. Previous experience of caring for children as step-parent, foster parent,...
 16. Reasons for wishing to adopt a child and extent of...
 17. Assessment of ability to bring up an adopted child throughout...
 18. Details of any adoption allowance payable.
 19. Names and addresses of two referees who will give personal...
 20. Name and address of the prospective adopter's registered medical practitioner,...
 21. Any other relevant information which the agency considers may assist...
- PART VII — MATTERS TO BE COVERED IN REPORT ON HEALTH OF THE PROSPECTIVE ADOPTER
1. Name, date of birth, sex, weight and height.
 2. A family health history, covering the parents, the brothers and...
 3. Marital history, including (if applicable) reasons for inability to have...
 4. Past health history, including details of any serious physical or...
 5. Obstetric history (if applicable).
 6. Details of any present illness, including treatment and prognosis.
 7. A full medical examination.
 8. Details of any daily consumption of alcohol, tobacco and habit-forming...
 9. Any other relevant information which the agency considers may assist...
 10. The signature, name, address and qualifications of the registered medical...

Explanatory Note