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# Adoption Act 1976

## 1976 CHAPTER 36

An Act to consolidate the enactments having effect in England and Wales in relation to adoption. [22nd July 1976]

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Power to amend Act conferred (5.7.1994) by [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990](#) (c. 37, SIF 83:1), **ss. 30(9)(10)**, 39(3), 43(2); S.I. 1994/1776, **art. 2(1)**
- C2** By [Criminal Justice Act 1991](#) (c. 53, SIF 39:1), s. 101(1), **Sch. 12 para. 23**; S.I. 1991/2208, art. 2(1), **Sch.1** it is provided (14.10.1991) that in relation to any time before the commencement of s. 70 of that 1991 Act (which came into force on 1.10.1992 by S.I. 1992/333, art. 2(2), **Sch. 2**) references in any enactment amended by that 1991 act, to youth courts shall be construed as references to juvenile courts.
- C3** Act applied (with modifications) (1.11.1994) by S.I. 1994/2767, **reg. 2**  
Act: modified (*prosp.*) by 1999 c. 18, **ss. 17**, 18(3)

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